

Board Report
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
“Rivers and Mountains Conservancy” (RMC)

will be held on

Monday, May 18, 2009

at

3:00 pm

at the following location:

**Progress Park Plaza Auditorium
15500 Downey Avenue
Paramount, CA 90723**

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Election of Officers
3. Public Comment
(Public comment on items for the RMC will be taken at this time. Individuals wishing to comment must fill out a comment card at the meeting for the official record and will be allowed two minutes to speak, and representatives of organizations/agencies will be allowed three minutes to speak. Speaker time may be reduced depending on the number of speakers.)
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Chair's Report
6. Deputy Attorney General's Report
7. Executive Officer's Reports
 - A. Legislation and Initiatives
 - B. Budget Expenditure Report
 - C. Project and Liaison Activities
 - D. Review and status discussion of approved grant projects.
8. RMC Regular Calendar
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9. Board member comments
10. Announcement of next meeting date – June 22, 2009
11. Adjournment upon completion of business

The RMC may hold a closed session on any public hearing item pursuant to Section 11126(c)(7)(A), Section 11126(e) and Section 11126.3(a) of the Government Code.

For additional information concerning the meeting, please contact the Deputy Executive Officer, Alina Bokde at (626) 815-1019 or visit the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy web page at www.rmc.ca.gov

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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)
City of Long Beach
November 24, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific located at 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802, and the meeting was called to order at 3:22pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Dan Arrighi, Chair
Mr. Frank Colonna, Vice Chair
Mr. Patrick O'Donnell
Mr. Dean Grose
Mr. Edward Wilson
Ms. Sharon Martinez
Mr. Denis Bertone
Mr. Gordon Shanks

Ms. Marilyn Thoms (for Mr. Speegle)
Mr. Daniel Sulzer (for Colonel Magness)
Mr. John Donnelly
Mr. Stan Chen (for Mr. Stetson)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Michael Genest
Mr. David De Jesus
Mr. Dean Efstathiou

Ms. Teresa Villegas (for Sup. Gloria Molina)
Mr. Bryan Cash (for Secretary Chrisman)
Ms. Debbie Smith (for Ms. Adams)
Mr. Ron Schafer (for Ms. Coleman)
Ms. Jody Noiron (for Mr. Weingardt)

STAFF PRESENT

Belinda Faustinos, Executive Officer
Valerie Thompson, Executive Secretary
Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General

2. PRESENTATION ON THE LONG BEACH AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC WATERSHED EXHIBIT.

Barbara Long gave the presentation noting that the project was primarily funded by the RMC and she focused on three main components of the project which were 1) the classroom which is a lead platinum building, 2) the Watershed Exhibit, and 3) the native landscaping element. She thanked the Board for providing the necessary funding that was needed to complete the project.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

A public comment was made regarding the Whittier Narrows Nature Center and the destruction of trees that are on the site. No name was given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No corrections were noted.

Vice Chair Colonna motioned to approve the minutes; Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion. Mr. Shanks abstained. Passed.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report was given.

6. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

No report was given.

The Executive Officer introduced Gordon Shanks, new voting Board member, representing Orange County.

7. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

A. Legislation and Initiatives

The Executive Officer reported that many of the bills that were introduced in the prior session were included in the staff report and that some of them will become two year bills. It was noted that staff would keep the Board updated once the legislature returns to its regular session.

B. Budget Expenditure & Status Report

The Executive Officer referred the Board to the summary of the capital outlay program on page 21 of the Board report which included Prop. 40, 50, and 84 funding. It was noted that the conservancy has done extremely well with allocation of funds for Prop. 40 and 50, with the exception of a small amount that will have to be re-appointed in the next fiscal year, and that staff is working with the Department of Finance and the Resources Agency to ensure that it will be included in the Governor's budget and be made available for encumbrance in July 2009. It was also noted that with the approvals that were made by the Board at the last meeting, Prop. 84 funds are down to \$13 million. A summary of the operations budget was also given. There was a brief discussion regarding the environmental license plate funds.

C. Project and Liaison Activities

The Executive Officer gave an update on the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority Bixby property, Vasquez Property and the Whittier Narrows Equestrian project. The specific details of each item was included in the Board report.

D. Review and Status Discussion of Approved Grant Projects.

The staff report was self-explanatory.

8. RMC REGULAR CALENDAR

A. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A GRANT TO THE CITY OF POMONA FOR THE JEFFERSON PARK PROJECT (RMC 08103).

The Executive Officer gave a brief summary and description of the site, and it was noted that it is a park poor area in the City of Pomona and that it is a great opportunity to bring natural open space to that vicinity.

Vice Chair Colonna moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Bertone seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLAREMONT FOR THOMPSON CREEK PHASE I FEASIBILITY STUDY (RMC 08108).

The Executive Officer gave a brief summary and description of the site, and it was noted that the area is going to be studied for potential acquisition, and that there is a very significant alluvial fan sage scrub area. It was also noted that the funding would determine the feasibility of which portion of the site might work for restoration planning, groundwater recharge and recreational access.

Vice Chair Colonna moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion. Unanimously Passed.

C. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE CITY OF MONROVIA FOR ACQUISITION OF MONROVIA HILLSIDE WILDERNESS PRESERVE (RMC 08109).

The Executive Officer gave a brief update and description of the site and it was noted that the City of Monrovia passed their own parcel tax in order to complete acquisitions within their community. It was also noted that this particular parcel is the last parcel to complete the Hillside Wilderness Park. Alice Grazelle thanked the Board and staff for their consideration.

Mr. Bertone moved to adopt the resolution; Ms. Martinez seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

D. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES AND SAN GABRIEL RIVERS WATERSHED COUNCIL FOR THE COMPTON CREEK DAYLIGHTING STUDY (RMC 3621).

The Executive Officer gave a brief update on the project, noting that there has been a re-alignment of the budget items to reflect the scope of work that must be done in order to analyze all of the various opportunities for day lighting and that there is a slight short fall for community outreach within the budget.

Mr. Wilson moved to adopt the resolution; Vice Chair Colonna seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

Mr. Schubel, Director of the Aquarium of the Pacific, thanked the RMC for providing the funding for the Watershed Exhibit.

E. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR THE PLANNING OF THE WALNUT CREEK HABITAT AND OPEN SPACE PROJECT (RMC 3522).

The Executive Officer gave a brief explanation of the process for RMC recommendations to the WCA to entertain an action. It was reported that the Tzu Chi Foundation has asked that the WCA to enter into an MOU so the Tzu Chi and WCA can jointly plan for the site since the properties are adjacent to one another. It was noted that Mr. Fujimoto and project manager Jane Beesley have been working with the Tzu Chi and their representatives, and have come to some good resolutions regarding how to plan for the project. It was also noted that the City of San Dimas is not going to be a party to the MOU; but will participate in the planning phase.

Mr. Bertone moved to adopt the resolution; Vice Chair Colonna seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

F. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER FOR THE PALM STREET LINEAR PARK (RMC 08110).

The Executive Officer gave a brief summary and description of the site and noted that it is a very significant project as it meets some of the urban area demands. It was also noted that the project scored extremely well.

Mr. Wilson moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. O'donnell seconded the motion. Mr. Colonna abstained. Passed.

G. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE CITY OF EL MONTE FOR THE KRANZ SCHOOL JOINT USE NATURAL TRAIL (RMC 08111).

The Executive Officer reported that the project is one of the few projects that will pursue joint use of a school property with public access. It was noted that the site is in a heavily urbanized area of El Monte.

Mr. Bertone moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Grose seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

H. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHRIS SOLEK AS A NEW MEMBER FOR THE HABITAT AND SCIENCE ADVISORY PANEL.

The Executive Officer reported that Mr. Solek has very relevant professional experience for the position. Mr. Solek's resume was included in the Board report.

Mr. Bertone moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

I. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE BIG TUJUNGA DAM HABITAT RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT (RMC 08112).

The Executive Officer gave a brief summary and noted that the funding would be used to add a low flow valve in order to improve habitat for the Santa Ana Sucker.

Mr. Wilson moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Bertone seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

J. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY.

The item was deferred.

K. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR GREEN VISIONS PHASE III (RMC 3240).

The Executive Officer explained that funding for the grant would come from both the capital outlay and operations budget, and that a portion of the work is being allocated for ongoing updates to the database. It was noted that it is more of an operational expenditure and that 75 percent will be used for new features which will allow for the development of tools for the watershed elements of the Green Visions tool kit that are currently being developed.

Vice Chair Colonna moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Bertone seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Bertone noted that the City of San Dimas has expressed their gratitude for how cooperative and helpful staff has been. Mr. Grose spoke on behalf of Orange County in regard to staff; however, the comments could not be heard clearly on the recording. Mr. Wilson mentioned that the presentation that was given by the Executive Officer and Alina Bokde at the Gateway COG meeting was well accepted.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Board meeting will be held on January 26, 2009, in the City of Rosemead at 3:30pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT UPON COMPLETION OF BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Arrighi at approximately 4:10pm.

DATE: Monday, May 18, 2009

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 7A: Executive Officer's Report- Legislation and Initiatives

There is no report for this item due to staff shortages.

DATE: May 18, 2008

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 7B: Executive Officer's Report- Budget Expenditure & Status Report

BACKGROUND: Please refer to the attached reports on expenditures and encumbrances for Operations and Support and Capital Outlay Programs. There are no significant issues to report.

Capital Outlay

Proposition 40, 50 and 84 Reports: This report was completed for the November 2008 board meeting and has not changed since that time due to the bond freeze. The report provides a comparison of the total allocated funds of previous board actions against Proposition Capital Outlay funding allocations. For a detailed report on each approved grant and associated funding level, please see Item 7D.

Support & Operations

Fiscal Year 2008/09 Support Expenditures Report: The "Fiscal Year Support Expenditures" report assists the RMC in tracking allocated income and expenditures for the fiscal year. The revenue section of the report delineates the three fund sources for operations, the Environmental License Plate Fund, Proposition 40 and Proposition 50.

The appropriated operating budget for the RMC is shown in the far left column. The expense section displays and tracks the administrative and operation expenses for the RMC. This section is separated into two (2) sections: Personnel Services and Operating Expenses/Equipment. The information is further detailed to track monthly and cumulative expenditures, encumbrances and the balances.

Due to the bond freeze staff was directed to reduce expenditures as much as possible and therefore it is expected that there will be a carryover balance in the bond funds that will be available for appropriation in subsequent years.

Exhibit A
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
PROPOSITON 40 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING SUMMARY AS OF 11/12/2008

Funding Allocation	
FY 02/03	\$5,330,000
FY 03/04	\$12,400,000
FY 04/05	\$6,200,000
FY 05/06	\$12,670,000
TOTAL	\$36,600,000
Approved Projects (Encumbered)	\$35,623,503
Approved Projects (Not Yet Encumbered)	\$0
Unallocated Funds	\$ 976,497

PROPOSITON 50 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING SUMMARY AS OF 11/12/2008

Funding Allocation	
FY 03/04	\$4,500,000
FY 04/05	\$6,200,000
FY 05/06	\$4,500,000
FY 06/07	\$2,800,000
TOTAL	\$18,000,000
Approved Projects (Encumbered)	\$12,325,787
Approved Projects (Not Yet Encumbered)	\$0
Unallocated Funds	\$5,674,213

PROPOSITON 84 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING SUMMARY AS OF 11/12/2008

Funding Allocation	
FY 07/08	\$25,000,000
Future funding	\$26,000,000
TOTAL	\$51,000,000
Approved Projects (Encumbered)	\$17,022,340
Approved Projects (Not Yet Encumbered)	\$37,739,970
Unallocated Funds	\$13,260,030

Exhibit B

RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
Support Budget FY 08/09 - Status Report - May 2009

REVENUE			
ITEM	BUDGET	FUND #	
<i>ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATES</i>	348,000	01400	
<i>PROPOSITION 40</i>	178,000	60290	
<i>PROPOSITION 50</i>	154,000	60310	
<i>PROPOSITION 84</i>	540,000	60510	
TOTAL REVENUE	1,220,000		

EXPENSES				
ITEM	BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO DATE	Enc.	AVAILABLE BALANCE
<i>PERSONNEL SERVICES</i>	570,000	450,000		120,000

Operating Expenses and Equipment

General
Expense

206	Miscellaneous Office Supplies	49,948	2,873	47,075
207	Freight and Drayage	400	0	400
213	Clerical and nonprofessional services	5,000	0	5,000
215	Advertising	1,000	0	1,000
217	Meetings, conferences, and exhibits	1,000	0	1,000
223	Library purchases	12,000	10,667	1,333
226	Minor equipment	15,000	12,480	2,520
227	Office equipment rental, maint., & repair	3,000	0	3,000

Printing

244	Office copier expense (rental, maint.)	10,000	7,547	2,453
245	Printed forms and stationary	2,000	1,325	675
246	Office Copier Supplies	4,000	0	4,000
248	Printing - Not Otherwise Classified		0	0

Communications

252	Cell phones, PDAs, pagers	10,800	6,540	4,260
253	Central communication	500	0	500
255	Messenger services	500	0	500
257	Telephone	4,500	2,030	2,470
258	Communications -Not Otherwise Classified	4,000	1,888	2,112
259	Maintenance	3,000	990	2,010

Postage

262	Postage, stamps, stamped envelopes, etc. Postage Meter (rent, repair, refills, supplies)	4,800	0	4,800
263		2,500	1,555	945

Travel: In-State

292	Per Diem	4,000	0	4,000
293	State Vehicle - General Services	6,000	1,708	4,292
294	Commercial Air Transportation	3,000	1,120	1,880
295	Other Transportation	300	0	300
296	Private Car	400	0	400

Item 7B

Training	297	Rental Car	400	0	400	
	301	Taxi and Shuttle Service	500	0	500	
	308	Travel - Not Otherwise Classified	500	0	500	
	332	Tuition and Registration Fees	10,000	0	10,000	
Facilities Operation	333	Training Films and Slides	2,000	0	2,000	
	344	Janitorial Services	18,480	9,904	8,576	
	345	Security	3,672	624	3,048	
	346	Recurring Maintenance Services	4,000	0	4,000	
Utilities	348	Waste Removal	4,000	559	3,441	
	352	Special Repairs	0	0	0	
	362	Electricity	9,000	3,962	5,038	
	365	Propane for heating	9,000	3,991	5,009	
Professional Services	378	Utilities - Not Otherwise Classified	10,000	2,560	7,440	
	382	Interdepartmental Professional Services	80,000	23,621	56,379	
	418	External Professional Services	240,000	24,440	215,560	
	Information Technology	435	IT - Not Otherwise Classified	1,000	0	1,000
436		Supplies	2,000	0	2,000	
445		Software	15,000	11,359	3,641	
446		Hardware	10,000	0	10,000	
Central Administration Services	448	Internet Service Provider	4,800	1,240	3,560	
	449	Electronic Waste and Disposal Fees	2,000	0	2,000	
	438	Pro Rata	46,000	0	46,000	
	451	Equipment	30,000	25,504	4,496	
OPERATIONS SUBTOTAL			650,000	159,604	0	490,396
TOTAL EXPENSES			1,220,000	609,604	0	610,396

DATE: May 18. 2009

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 7C: Executive Officer's Report- Project and Liaison Activities

San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority (Authority): All project work suspended with the exception of the environmental process and finalizing the lease and sublease for the project area. The project is now staffed part-time by the Administrative Assistant. All other support is provided via contributed staff time of Authority members. Two consultants are funded to continue critical services, EDAW for the environmental and Alma Martinez Assoc. for the lease/sublease.

Preparation of the draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for release for public comment has continued with gap funding by the Authority water district members, combined with an exchange of contracted services between Authority members LA County Department of Parks and Recreation and the RMC. Public comment period will be extended from 45 days to 60 days, and there will be two public comment meetings. Release of the DEIR is anticipated in late May. Staff continues to invite comment and input during the Public Comment period on the Draft EIR. We are taking contact information (must have a mailing address), so that we can provide notice to all interested of the Public Comment period, and how to access/obtain a copy of the Draft EIR.

As mentioned, the lease and sub-lease development process continues. The Authority Board will adopt these items as part of their discretionary action at the time the environmental document is adopted.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA): Activities regarding acquisition of the Hellman 100 acres site in Seal Beach are continuing. LCWA accepted the RMC grant funds for acquisition related expenses associated with the Hellman Property and hired Russell Reynolds to complete the appraisal. The RMC grant was stopped on December 2008 due to the state bond freeze but the updated appraisal report and DGS review appraisal approval were completed on February 2009 with LCWA funds. The Purchase and Sale Agreement and Pollution Legal Liability are being finalized and the documents to purchase the property are ready pending WCB release of acquisition funds. LCWA is also actively applying for various other acquisition funds, in case WCB funds are unavailable.

LCWA received a Coastal Development Permit in April 2009 to complete the Phase I Habitat Maintenance Workplan and plans to begin work September 2009.

Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council (Watershed Council): The Watershed Council was able to keep most programs intact during the bond freeze. In fact staff was instrumental in developing a list of potential projects that could be packaged for a private bond sale in the region. Attached to this report is the edition of Watershed Wise, which features excerpts from the Fall Symposium, titled: Building a Healthier San Gabriel River Watershed.

In February 2009 the LASGRWC hosted a symposium for its stakeholders focusing on the value of using a watershed approach during this difficult economic situation. The symposium

highlighted opportunities to use Federal Stimulus monies and to craft other stimulus initiatives to improve water use efficiency.

Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan: Sub-regions of the Greater LA Region (LA Region) are in the process of creating project “priority” lists for consideration in the expedited round of Proposition 84 funds which may be released later this year. Further, the LA Region completed an application for “regional acceptance” that is expected to resolve various instances of regional overlap in this program. Lastly, your Executive Officer was recently elected as Vice Chair of the Lower SG and LA Rivers Sub Region and is now a seated member of the Leadership Committee.

National Park Service (NPS) San Gabriel River Watershed Special Resource Study (San Gabriel SRS). The NPS planning team is preparing alternatives for the special resource study regarding a “significance statement.” The next steps for this special resource study are as follow: 1. The NPS will refine the preliminary management options; 2. By this Fall the NPS will begin to contact stakeholder groups to schedule a follow-up meeting to discuss and review the refined preliminary management options; 3. After stakeholder review, a broader public review effort will begin. More information is available at <http://www.nps.gov/pwro/sangabriel>.

Upper Santa Clara River: The RMC Board approved funding for acquisition of several parcels located within the Soledad Canyon Capp Acquisition project; but due to the state bond freeze the grant was not authorized and the acquisition was delayed six months. Once state bond funds are released the grant agreement will be authorized and acquisition can take place within 3-5 months pending appraisal report is approved by DGS.

Conservation efforts in the upper Santa Clara River Watershed continue. A plan for implementation of the Conceptual Area Protection Plan has been finalized. Discussions are ongoing between biodiversity working group partners, the City of Santa Clarita and the consultants working on the project regarding acquisition opportunities. The One Valley One Vision Plan (OVOV), a joint effort between the County of Los Angeles, the City of Santa Clarita and Valley residents and businesses to create a single vision and guidelines for the future growth of the Valley and the preservation of natural resources in the upper Santa Clara River Watershed will seek to create a green belt along the upper Santa Clara River to the east of the city. City residents recently approved an assessment district aimed at providing funds for preservation of a green belt as outlined in OVOV. The City hopes to leverage the assessment district funds to maximize the funds available for acquisitions. The City of Santa Clarita is currently working to secure enactment of H.R. 5887, the Soledad Canyon Mine Act that provides for a resolution that would transfer of mining rights, currently held by CEMEX, a mining company, to a location close to Victorville, California. H.R 5887 creates a mechanism for the Secretary of the Interior to cancel the two contracts for sand and gravel mining that CEMEX presently has with the Bureau of Land Management.

The South Coast Wildlands Project (SCWP) received a grant from the Resources Legacy Foundation to provide start-up costs for a non-profit land trust in the upper watershed that will engage with the local communities of Agua Dulce and Acton and, in coordination with the biodiversity working group, will focus on and continue conservation efforts and partnerships in the upper Santa Clara River watershed. SCWP recently published a report highlighting the upper Santa Clara River watershed area as a significant wildlife linkage in the network of linkages for the South Coast Ecoregion. The report, South Coast Missing Linkages: A Wildland Network for the South Coast Ecoregion is available on line at <http://www.scwildlands.org>.

The Bureau of Land Management is conducting workshops in association with its revision of the South Coast Resource Management Plan (SCRMP). The RMC Board authorized a memorandum of understanding with BLM for RMC participation in the Plan revision. The BLM team continues work on the revision.

Green Visions: Phase I and Phase II are complete. Phase III was stopped on December 2008 due to the state bond freeze. The project resumes work on May 2009 due to non-state matching funds from LA County DPW and is scheduled to complete work on August 2009. The RMC and WCA Board approved a budget amendment on December 2008 but no Amended Agreement has been authorized and is awaiting funds from bond funds.

Duck Farm Project: Phase 1A project development activity has been suspended due to the bond freeze, with the exception of a limited project with non-bond funding. Supplemental Environmental Project funding from the USEPA is providing ongoing work on phytoremediation (use of plants to remediate soil contaminants) of 14 acres at the Duck Farm. This work will require a revision to the Scope of Work for the EDAW contract for Phase 1A. The MRCA Rangers continue surveillance of the site mainly for security purposes, with reduced hours due to WCA cash flow limitations. Brush removal was conducted in April over the entire site.

The equestrian operator is voluntarily vacating the site and the related house at the direction of the WCA Board. All boarders at the center have vacated and it will remain closed during a period of community outreach and formation of an advisory committee which will provide guidance for future long term equestrian operations at the site. From this information, the WCA will evaluate potential configurations for fiscally viable long term operations and circulate a request for qualifications, then a request for proposals. It is anticipated this process may take approximately 12 months. In the interim, the premises and the house will undergo health and safety modifications. The house and premises will be under the care of an MRCA employee, under a lease agreement which provides tenancy in exchange for care and surveillance services.

Azusa River Wilderness Park Project: The WCA staff worked with the Community Resources Connection to host the Think River Event, a clean-up of the San Gabriel River to celebrate Earth Day. We had over 200 participants with City of Azusa officials speaking. Activities related to bond funding have stopped, but will re-start once bond funds become unfrozen. Priorities include a boundary survey of the Canyon Inn Property, demolition of the mobile home park and the upgrade of the filtration system for the community water system.

Emerald Necklace: The Emerald Necklace is a vision for a 17 mile loop of parks and greenways connecting 10 cities and nearly 500,000 residents along the Río Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers. Since its inception, a number of stakeholders have developed numerous projects and activities that help accomplish this vision. In order to better coordinate and facilitate both projects and activities along the Emerald Necklace, staff participates in monthly coordinating meetings with Supervisor District 1 staff and other stakeholders. A purpose of these meetings is to discuss the current status of on-going projects and coordinate the prioritization of projects along the Emerald Necklace for recreational and habitat enhancement purposes. A draft MOU between LS County FCD and Amigos de los Rios has been completed and will go to the Board of Supervisors in June/July for adoption. The MOU outlines the roles and responsibilities of both parties related to project development and maintenance of improvements along the Emerald Necklace.

Compton Creek Watershed Activities: Staff continues to participate in the Compton Creek Task Force (Compton City staff, MRCA, Coastal Conservancy, Heal the Bay, Watershed Council, Compton School District, County Public Works and others) to assist with identifying projects that help meet RMC's program goals, support the rehabilitation of the Compton Creek Watershed and provide open space, park, and trails. Staff participated in key meetings with the staff of newly elected Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas (2nd District) to assess the status of projects along the Compton Creek for future funding consideration including Prop A and the federal government stimulus funds. The status of the Compton Creek Daylighting Study was on hold due to the state budget freeze but is expected to continue through December 2009.

Habitat and Science Panel (HSAP): HSAP met on November 12 to conduct a tour of the Whittier Narrows Natural and Recreational Areas and provided recommendations for the Whittier Narrows Plan Update. Meetings were cancelled for January and March 2009 due to the state bond freeze but meetings resumed in May when the panel is scheduled to continue working on evaluating the RMC's PECs utilized in the 2007-2008 Grant Cycle and developing the framework and critical elements for an Adaptable Monitoring Plans for RMC Grantees.

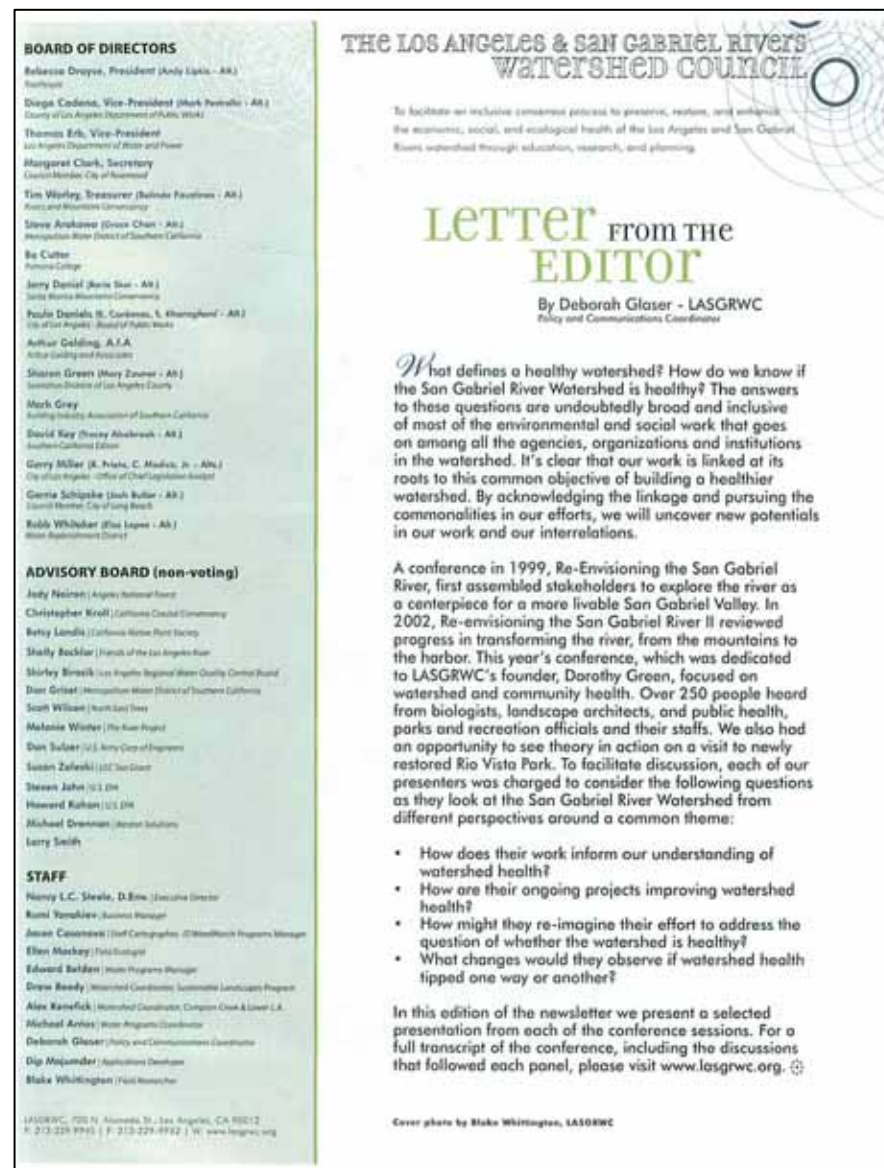
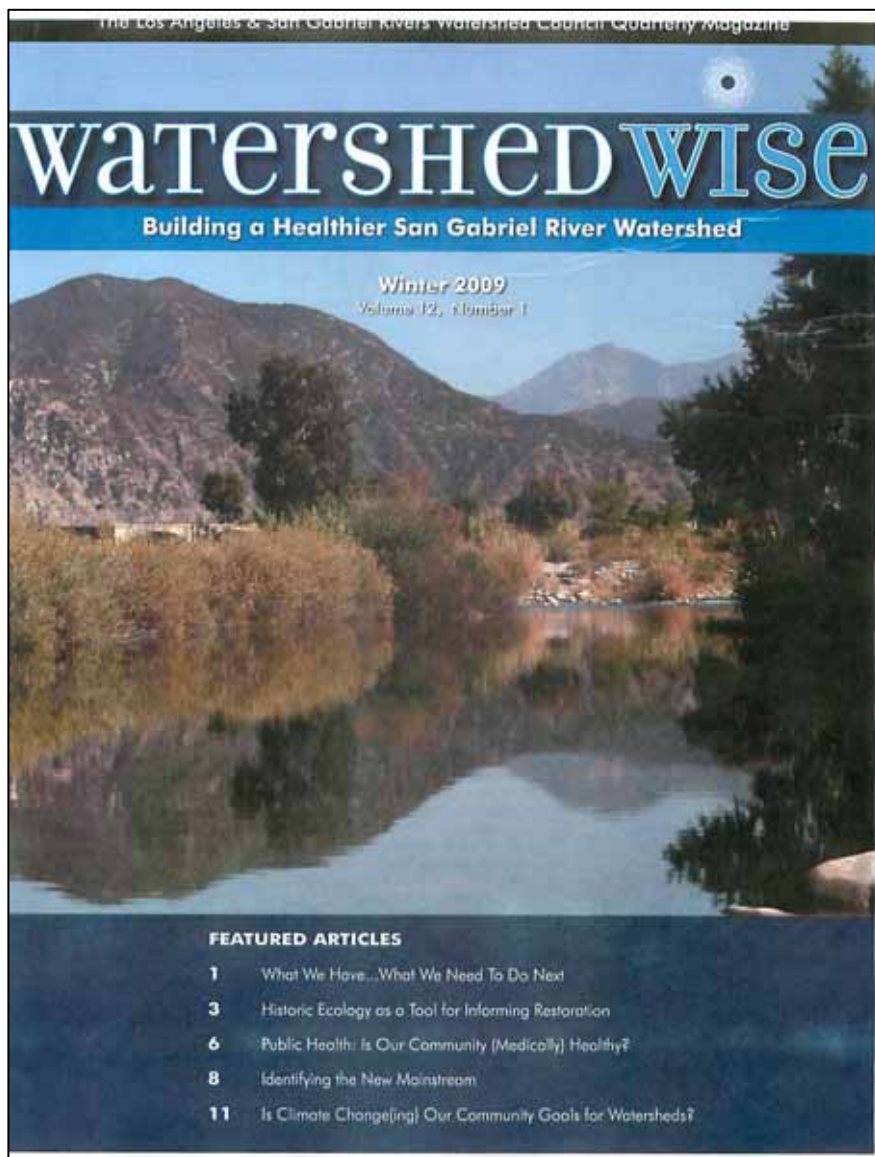
Executive Officer Activities:

City of Pasadena Open Space Element Committee (Committee): Your Executive Officer is participating as a member on this Committee as a subject matter expert to assist the City of Pasadena with recommendations for updating the Open Space/Conservation Element of the City's General Plan Update. The Committee is expected to meet monthly for the next year.

Statewide Watershed Program Public Advisory Committee (Committee): This Resources Agency Secretary appointed statewide committee met over the course of the last year and developed recommendations for creating a statewide watershed program. Those recommendations have been included in a legislative bill which would establish the Watershed Program within the Department of Conservation.

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee (EENR Committee): The EENR Committee meets on a monthly basis and your Executive Officer participates as a non-voting member. The voting members are Mary Ann Lutz, Chair (Monrovia), Denis Bertone, Vice-Chair (San Dimas) and Sam Pedroza, Member (Claremont). There are five working groups for the EENR Committee: Air, Energy, Open Space, Solid Waste and Water. An agency representative also participates in the monthly Water working group meetings.

Exhibit A: The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council Quarterly Magazine



What We Have...What We Need To Do Next

Lillian Kawaski, *Board Vice President,
Water Replenishment District of Southern California*

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The Water Replenishment District (WRD) manages the West Coast Groundwater and Central Groundwater Basins, the two most utilized groundwater basins in the state, which together produce about 77 billion gallons of groundwater annually. When you pull water out, it leaves a vacuum, and you have to replace it. This is why the Water Replenishment District was formed.

Approximately two-thirds of Southern California's water supply comes from northern California or the Colorado River, about one-third from local groundwater. Our water dependence on the Colorado River is tied not only to what happens in California but also six western states. I'm working right now with an initiative called *Carpe Diem* ("seize the moment"), which is concerned with climate change challenges to our water supplies in the West.

Demand Side Opportunities

Although we sometimes talk about climate change as if it's a long time off, the effects are already being manifested. The reduced snow pack in the Sierras means not only less water, but also earlier spring flows. Last year we had the driest year on record in Southern California, and we're into our eighth or ninth year of drought on the Colorado River. The six other states that have been allocated water from the Colorado River are increasingly taking more of their share, and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is no longer making water available for groundwater recharge. Population increases are putting additional demand on our systems, not only in California, but also in Las Vegas and the Southwest.

On the demand side, water conservation and aggressive water reuse are the best way to address these challenges. Gov. Schwarzenegger has targeted a 20 percent reduction in the state's per capita water use by 2020, and a similar target was set in AB 2175. Outdoor landscaping is currently a major focus for WRD, and, it looks like the stakeholders have reached a consensus on a statewide-recycled water policy that will accelerate use of recycled water while protecting public health and the environment.

Stormwater capture is another new source of supply. We currently lose more than 50 percent of our wet weather flows, but we can reduce this by improving our spreading grounds and cleaning out debris. Similarly, a joint advanced water treatment project is also being discussed between L.A. County Sanitation Districts, the Upper San Gabriel River and the Water Replenishment District to treat wastewater effluent for groundwater recharge, a source of supply that otherwise would have been lost.

It's estimated that if we took advantage of all the opportunities available statewide, it would amount to seven million acre-feet a year, which is more water than has ever been exported from the Sacramento Delta.

We also need to focus on multiple benefit projects geared toward watershed management. Using stormwater in a way that either mimics or augments natural processes will not only enhance our water supply, but also improve water quality while creating new or improved habitats and open space. This multi-benefit approach is also a good hedge against the effects of climate change.

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WRD has about 400,000 acre-feet of storage space, which is approximately the same amount of useable space—not capacity but useable space—as Metropolitan's Water District's Diamond Valley reservoir, which cost \$2 billion to build. If we include all ten regional groundwater basins, we have approximately two million acre-feet of groundwater storage. I call this "the treasure beneath our feet." Using stormwater for groundwater recharge will not only improve the inland water supply situation but also water quality at our coasts and will help cities and permittees who are struggling with meeting TMDL requirements (Total Maximum Daily Loads).

However, as we begin to take advantage of local supplies, it's important to remember we must also conduct the proper kind of groundwater monitoring to insure we're safeguarding the environment, protecting human health and not in any way degrading water quality.

A Good Investment

It's extremely clear we have to get completely off imported water. And we can do it. The question is, do we have the will?

We need to rethink:

1. *How water is stored and delivered.* Our water policies have been based on the idea that we can always get additional water.

2. *Our ecosystems.* As we begin to use ecosystems for human benefits, we also begin to impact the quality of our habitats, which need to be protected.

3. *Our economy.* We need to make sure that agriculture and our other economic sectors continue to prosper. This has a direct impact on all of us, which we've seen recently in rising food costs.

4. *Issues of equity.* We need work to make sure that all people in all communities have access to clean, affordable water.

We need to get to self-sufficiency. At WRD we've initiated efforts with our Water Independence Network (WIN), but we need to do this throughout Southern California. We've certainly got the technology and the talent, so it's a matter of securing the necessary commitments, including:

- *Political leadership.* We need to give people like Assemblymember Mike Eng (District 40), Assemblymember Ted Lieu (District 53) and Assemblymember Mike Feuer (District 42) more support in making water quality a high priority with a much more engaged and educated community.
- *Water strategies.* What's our focus going to

be, surface storage or groundwater storage? Who's going to pay, who's going to benefit? How do we address disadvantaged communities that have not been able to access the very bonds they are paying for?

- *Climate change.* Are we going to make billions of dollars of investments without properly accounting for climate change? Not climate only from the standpoint of mitigation—to offset greenhouse gases—but also adaptation.

- *Low Impact Development.* We need to work much harder to promote this as the Best Management Practice for managing stormwater.

- *Statewide Water Planning.* The California Water Plan Update is out now for public review. Very shortly we'll have the Bay Delta governance. Very much of what happens in the Delta is tied directly to our goals of reducing import demand and achieving self-sufficiency.

I encourage all of us to have greater participation, not only in what we do in our local communities, but also better representation in statewide decision-making. The water management decisions, or indecisions, that are being made now will very likely shape our future in California. ☺

Historic Ecology as a Tool for Informing Restoration

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Why do we care about the past? Not because we're trying to recreate what we had before. We recognize there have been irreplaceable changes that prohibit us from recreating processes and resources that occurred 150-200 years ago. Instead, our goal is to determine how the past can inform our decisions about the future.

Historical information can also provide an important point of reference to see how things have changed over time. This kind of analysis also provides context for understanding the mechanisms and processes that have led to ecosystem decline, which in some cases are the same as what we're attempting to manage today. Finally, when we think about how and where we want to restore or rehabilitate a watershed, the past can provide important information about what types of wetlands we need to put back into the landscape and where they might be best supported.

So fundamentally historical ecology is trying to answer these basic questions:

How much wetlands have been lost?
Which wetlands have been most impacted?
What should be our restoration priorities?

Our long-term vision is to think regionally, not about just one watershed, but a set of watersheds and to think about the processes and mechanisms that influenced watershed distribution throughout Southern California. Did these differ between watersheds and how? The project I'm discussing today is focused on understanding the historical distribution of wetlands in a defined part of the San Gabriel River Watershed. Historically the Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds were one. Today they function as distinct watersheds, and for purposes of this study, we had to make an arbitrary division between them.

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How do we do historical ecology? Today we can pull up accurate maps and rely on mapping standards and quality assurance, but that wasn't true 150 years ago. So we base our conclusions on what we call the weight of evidence approach in which we compile as many different pieces of information as we can from different sources. We assemble these primary and secondary resources and assign confidence estimates to our mapping based on the number of these resources and their reliability. If we have ten highly reliable resources, we have good confidence those features actually existed on the landscape. If we have one relatively suspect resource, our confidence is low they existed. Our objective is to geo-reference these resources and in that way discover where they occurred in a space so we can overlay different types of maps and different types of data to build our weight of evidence.



SOURCES

The best early documented evidence for what the land looked like 150-200 years ago are Spanish land grant maps, which date from prior to statehood. From there we move up through time to Coastal Survey

maps, which were drawn between 1850 and 1880 by the U.S. Coastal Geodesic Survey for navigation purposes, but which provide incredible detail about coastal wetlands. We digitize these old maps, then attribute them based on evidence in the written records. Historic irrigation maps, circa 1880, are another good piece of evidence, especially in this watershed, and they come with large tomes of written reports describing the areas they cover. Early soil surveys published in 1917 are another source of information. Finally, we have aerial photos where changes on the landscape are visible from as early as 1929. By then, a lot of irrigation is evident, and the San Gabriel River had already been severely constrained between levees. But even with these changes, we can make out riparian zones and the sandy river bed and get a sense of the dynamic nature of this river.

For a large portion of its history, the old Gabriel River flowed into the Los Angeles River and did not have its own outlet. During the floods of 1880, the river broke out a new channel and was called the New River. This kind of information is very important because it gives us anchors in space and time for what these systems were doing. It also tells us a little about landscape dynamics.

COMBINING SOURCES

We take these geospatial pieces of data and overlay other information from sources such as grazing and ranching records and written and oral histories and sources like turn-of-the-century bird work from the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. The bird work, for example, describes where birds were recorded, and knowing the habitat requirements of specific birds and using old photos where they're available, we can make inferences about habitat that occurred in specific areas.

In 1914, the L.A. County Department of Public Works commissioned an oral history

of the area. Old-timers talked about the great floods of the 1800s and provided accounts that described how the Santa Ana River broke out of Coyote Creek and the floodwaters flowed into Alamitos Bay. And how the waters of the Los Angeles, Rio Hondo, San Gabriel and Santa Ana rivers "were all joined in one vast sheet of water, making the country 'impassable for several weeks."

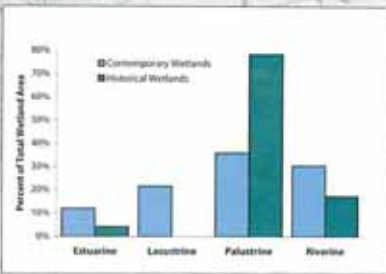
PICKING THE POINT

These sources together build a picture of the landscape, but when you start thinking about change assessment, you need to pick a point in time to measure against. We know that in 1825 the San Gabriel River flowed in a path similar to what we now know as the Rio Hondo, then joined the L.A. River. Through a series of floods it later realigned itself into more of what we know today.

This dynamic movement resulted in a continuous zone in the lower floodplain, a vast combination of wetlands and uplands, characterized by floods that occurred approximately every ten years. The river would overtop and because of the shallow proximity of groundwater to the surface, the lower floodplain would stay ponded, producing a complex of seasonal wetlands and upland areas. Over a period of time the wetlands would become dryer and dryer until the next flood, when everything would recharge. The move from windmills and hand pumps to hydraulic extraction beginning about the turn of the century resulted in dramatic lowering of the water table, and this disrupted the flooding cycle to the point where these wetlands ceased to exist on the landscape.

All this is verified by old maps of the lower watershed where we see lots of fresh water wetlands, cienegas, perennial ponds, seeps and sloughs dotted all over the landscape, which today are pretty much absent. In one example from around 1870, the axis of

wetlands goes up to about 10,000 hectares. In the same area in 2005, it's limited to 450 hectares. So the first thing we note is a lot of loss and second, that the distribution of wetlands has changed. The most common type of wetland circa 1870 were wetlands in the tidal fringe. These have now been replaced by lake fringe wetlands, full of cattails and bulrushes, such as we see around ponds and reservoirs. This suggests that if we think about the kinds of wetlands we want to restore in this watershed, we should think about what the historical distribution looked like and where there are opportunities to replace types that have been preferentially lost.



LESSONS LEARNED

The final thing I want to discuss is spatial analysis, which can also provide interesting insights for restoration. We know, for example, that the underlying geology and soils in the Whittier Narrows area supported wetlands that reach back into the early nineteenth century. The physical features that supported this kind of habitat still exist. This means that when you think about restoration, it would be a smart idea to target places where the right physical template for the kind of habitat you want to reestablish still exists.

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Public Health: Is Our Community (Medically) Healthy?

Public Health of The City Project (www.cityoflosangeles.org)

"I was born and raised where third base is at Dodger Stadium today. When we were thrown out of Chavez Ravine, we went down toward the L.A. River to what today is called Frogtown. The river was our playground. We didn't know about coliform bacteria then. We kayaked, we built canoes and we fished in the river, although we were smart enough not to eat the fish. Today I ride my bike and run on the San Gabriel path at least twice a week, so I know the area very well and it's very dear to my heart."

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Obesity Limits Life Span

Obesity is epidemic in the United States. You're about to witness the first generation in over five generations that will live shorter lives than their parents. The reason is that we're already seeing Type II diabetes at age 12 and 13, and the numbers keep escalating. From the medical aspect of it, however, there's hope. The cause of obesity as well as diabetes and hypertension, which in turn cause a myriad of other illnesses we're seeing in epidemic proportions, is very simple: we're eating more than we're burning.

Right now the diet an average individual needs to sustain his or her weight is probably about 800 calories a day. For most of us

this means breakfast is probably it for the day. There is no caloric burn in driving to work, taking an elevator or escalator up to your office, watching some monitors, then going back down, getting back into the car and going home and watching TV. The people who are little smarter and brighter and more educated are figuring out the problem and dealing with it by not frequenting fast food restaurants and exercising—joining a spa or riding a bike to work.

Contributing Factors

One of the big issues we see in people who live around our rivers and in fact in the entire Los Angeles Basin is language. We know that even in conversations between English-speaking health

care providers and English-speaking patients, comprehension can range from 25 to 45 percent. It's estimated that 60 percent of people I see are functionally illiterate. That means it's probably a waste of time and money to give them a pamphlet because they're not going to understand it. This high rate of illiteracy is very serious, and we're going to have to develop new ways of communicating with people; right now other countries are doing better than the United States on this.

Lack of insurance is another issue. Our whole health care system is based on health care insurance. This wasn't true prior to 1960. If you don't have insurance, you're not going to get preventative care,

and chronic illnesses will eventually manifest themselves.

Lower Income Populations Lack Resources

We are looking at the possibility of using recreation and transportation as one of the ways to deal with this issue. The problem is that lower income populations don't have parks and open places that are accessible and safe. Riding my bike down the San Gabriel path the other day, I ran out of water. I find water in my neighborhood any time I want in a park, but when I pulled over to a little park looking for water, the faucets were turned off, and the bathrooms were closed. That's a poor people's park. If I went a little farther down into Long Beach, there would have been water. The same with water recreation. Yes, we'd like that a lot. The problem is it's hard to get to it, those of us who are poor. And our poor places are probably contaminated.

The Runaway Thrift Gene

Diabetes is the manifestation of the thrift gene, which assumes you can survive with about 1,000 calories a day and work very hard. Most of us who you come from indigenous people have this gene because we've needed it to survive. Australian Aborigines have the gene, and when they became colonized and began getting more meat and these kinds of things, they manifested the diabetes gene. Every one of these groups when they left their environment became diabetic at very alarming rates.

When we look at gestational diabetes, all the trends, from 1994 to 2002, regardless of race or ethnicity, are moving up. Every one of them. We know that 60 percent of women who have gestational diabetes will go on to

be full diabetics and their children will probably also do the same. When we look at Type II diabetes, we see that Native Americans have the highest rate, about 25 percent. That's the thrift gene. And as we mix with the thrift gene, as we have in North America and other places in the world, everyone starts to get a portion.

Looking at the prevalence of diabetes, African Americans have now surpassed Latinos at age 50-65 and over for the highest rate of diabetes in California. They also have among the highest obesity rates, as well as more fast food restaurants per region where they live in. And they also don't have parks. It's really sad to see high schools in poor neighborhoods installing barbed wire and using dogs so people can't get in, while in affluent neighborhoods, the gates are open and the only thing people are worried about is that you're running in the right lane on the track. And do people take diabetes medicine when they get diagnosed? Not if you're Latino, you don't. Most of the time, the belief system is not to take the medication because it won't really help.

Being Overweight

Looking at the prevalence of obesity, the two big numbers are Blacks and Hispanics. If you're low income, the rate of incidence is double, but everyone, and we need to emphasize everyone, is starting to do the same bad things. If you increase your caloric intake and don't exercise, your diabetic thrift gene will eventually manifest. In the United States, we can't even calculate obesity anymore. The numbers have completely gotten out of hand. If you're low income, the rate is double, but no one is exempt from this.

So what's our hope? This conference is not about what we eat—although that would be a good idea also—but how we expend calories. We have the possibilities in L.A. of recreating a transportation corridor, a recreation corridor, that people can use as part of their lifestyle. The idea that we have to go to a spa to exercise won't work. It's a waste of money. I tell all my patients, save your money, run to the spa, touch the door, run back.

Our concerns are heart disease, diabetes, cancer, osteo-arthritis, gall stones, depression, plus work and educational stress. All of this, by the way, is caused by obesity. When we sell insurance to employers, we discuss something called return on investment, which is what they get for what they pay for. Right now they're paying for 62 percent of their workforce performing presenteeism. That means 62 percent of their employees are present at work but they're not productive. Depression and diabetes lead the category. It has made us a country that is not competitive on a productive basis with other countries. One solution is to change culturally back to an integration of physical activity into our lifestyles. Create safety pockets in terms of parks, transportation, bicycles. I'm a big advocate of closing all the freeways to cars and just letting bicycles on. Give the cars the streets and give us the freeways. We could get around a lot faster in the city.

From the medical side, it's clear that if you give us those safe places, human beings could start using their legs and their bodies again. If not, the tragedy is nature will take care of it. We will cease to exist in our current numbers, because we already know diabetes will decrease lifespan. And at a very big expense. ☼

IDENTIFYING THE NEW MAINSTREAM

By Irma Muñoz | President/Founder, Mujeres de la Tierra

I started Mujeres de la Tierra, Women of the Earth, four years ago out of a deep frustration with what I saw happening in traditional environmental organizations. Their work is wonderful, but something was missing. I started this organization to inspire women and families to take ownership and leadership of the issues in their neighborhoods.

How do you connect your work with the actual people who live where your work is being done? Many of these folks have never attended a focus group. They find government alienating. When the city council asks them to come to a meeting, they wonder, "Why me?" But to have a healthy watershed, you have to have a motivated and inspired public. An engaged public.

I know that many traditional environmental organizations do incredible work. I appreciate, respect and value you. But to survive the New Mainstream, you have to start thinking about environmental equity, focusing on the family and the neighborhood and balancing this out with solutions so that your project is a win for everyone.

DEVELOPING COMMUNITY PARTNERS

I've been doing community organizing for over 30 years. I've worked here in the San Gabriel Valley, focusing on El Monte, where about five and a half years ago, a group of children who had no place to play asked the city council to build them a park in an empty four-acre lot. The city took them seriously, and their mothers said they would help.



Photo courtesy of the City Project

These same women, who were afraid to speak out, who were humble, who were shy and scared, did a presentation before the City Council. These women who said they didn't know who the mayor was are now activists. They're engaged, they're involved, and they do not take a liking to any environmental organization or governmental agency telling them what is good for them or when and how it's going to happen. This is what happens when we engage people and help them take ownership of their issues.

ARMS OF OUTREACH

So this is not just about a park. It's community building. It cannot be seen just as community outreach, putting a flyer together in Spanish or any other language. You do this work together as a partnership.

Just last night the El Monte City Council unanimously approved to go out for bid and construct the park. For five years, almost every single week, these women and children went to design the park. The landscape architect designed five different designs, each one with a soccer field. And everybody, from the seniors to the teenagers to the young kids, said they didn't want soccer fields. They wanted a splash park for the little kids. They wanted a walking circuit for people to exercise. The kids wanted trees and plants to be homes for butterflies and birds. When we speak of the Latino community and think of active recreation, we automatically think of soccer fields. But Gibson Mariposa Park is what happens when you ask people what they want.



Photo by Irma Munoz



Photo by Irma Munoz



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If you're going to survive and continue doing the great work you do, you need to create what I call "arms of outreach" and identify who shares common goals with you. In every neighborhood I've worked in, every issue comes back to the environment. Last year women from this area took their kids to the Santa Monica beach for the first time in two years. For many communities going to the beach is a big deal, and they plan for it for months. I saw them the next day and they said it was terrible. They saw trash rolling in the water. It stunk. It was oily. So I asked what they were going to do about it. They said, "Teach us to do what we need to do back home so next year when we go to the beach, we don't have those issues."

So don't tell me it's not about the health of the watershed. They may not use the word "watershed," so you need to engage them with words they understand, with concepts they know. I consider Latinos and other indigenous people the original environmentalists. It's about spirituality. It's embedded in our hearts. Many of us come from backgrounds where our parents were farmers. They had cisterns to capture rainwater. If they didn't take care of the soil, they didn't have crops for the following year. These communities are inspired because they're angry and upset and frustrated and alienated. They're told they're the reason for many environmental woes. And that's not the case.

So when you start thinking about who or what is going to be opposing you on a project, think about the intended and unin-

tended consequences of your decisions. The folks I'm talking about are leaders in their own right.

THE NEW MAINSTREAM IS NOT A MINORITY

The New Mainstream doesn't consider itself a minority and gets very offended when people call us that. We also do not perceive ourselves as alienated from nature, but that we're kept away from nature because of how we're excluded from the process. Many times we only know about a project when we see the groundbreaking. We should be involved when you first think about an idea. We should be sitting at the table. With *Mujeres de la Terra*, we built our own table and invited the environmental groups to sit around us. The New Mainstream is engaged with nature through religion and family, their backgrounds and spirituality. The New Mainstream sees nature as related to human health and prosperity.

Another thing to remember about the New Mainstream is that the concept of environmental justice (EJ) is evolving into environmental equity. Justice is something you take because it's rightfully yours. Minorities seek justice. The New Mainstream seeks equity, our fair share.

THE NEW MAINSTREAM IS FOCUSED ON FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

We want to focus on investments, not symbols. A symbol is you hire a Latino or African-American and suddenly you have your EJ group. A classic example is the last water bond. Folks asked me how they

should vote, and I told them to vote "yes." Their response was that the parks where they live are falling apart and they don't see them ever being improved so why was I telling them we're going to build new parks? People are connecting the dots.

With this kind of engagement, there's never a language barrier issue. I was asked to go into a senior citizens home that was 95 percent Asian. I don't speak Chinese, but they responded because I had pictures, and they could point to what they wanted. Also I brought someone to translate. It was amazing how these Chinese seniors were engaged and how they wanted a place they can enjoy and that is open to them.

THE NEW MAINSTREAM IS BUSY AND RESOURCEFUL

People are trying to make a living. Hold your meetings in the evening and on weekends. You can't stereotype the community you're working with. You can't jump to conclusions. Although there's a big misconception that mainstream Latinos and African Americans do not contribute to charities, 90 percent of them do, mostly to the church. This is because the church has engaged them. You've got to know the history of where people come from. Many Latinos don't drink water out of the tap because where they come from the water makes them sick.

Heads of families expect respect and transparency. If you don't live in the neighborhood, don't be audacious and tell people what's good for them and their children and their neighborhood. Don't ever go into a community or neighborhood and say, "This is what we want you to help us with." When we were getting support for the Mariposa Park, I ran into this 85-year-old grandfather, who told me I was the fifth person who had come to talk to him about building a park. I told him, "I'm not building anything. But if you want a park, I'll provide you with

tools and teach you how to get to building a park."

THE NEW MAINSTREAM HAS PRIORITIES

The New Mainstream sees distinctions between active and passive recreation as class driven. The Los Angeles River is a classic example. You'll see Latino people taking their kids for a walk along the river or reading a book, or meditating and doing yoga while their kids play softball and soccer and basketball. Scrap the minority outreach programs because they don't work. Except for language, you must engage New Mainstream residents as you would the mainstream in places like Santa Monica and the West Side.

The work of *Amigos de Los Rios* is something very positive that's happening in the San Gabriel Valley right now. When you're dealing with a major project like the Emerald Necklace, you want to engage everybody, the community, government, education and business. They've even engaged children. We took one young lady to a park and asked her to put down the things she liked. And that's when we came up with the splash pad for Gibson Mariposa Park and Lashbrook Park.

What is it that you want? Do want a project that you impose on a community? Do you want a healthy watershed that only the experts and the county officials and the scientists know about? When I was appointed to the Environmental Affairs Commission for the City of Los Angeles, they asked me what our biggest challenge was. I told them engaging every household, every resident, every neighborhood, every community. Given all the weather patterns we've been experiencing and the excessive heat, climate warming is being discussed at dinner tables, and people are ready for you to knock on their doors and ask them what they think and will they join you. ☺

Is Climate Change(ing) Our Community Goals for Watersheds?

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Climate change is shifting our perceptions of watershed management now and for the future. Although there is currently some variability or uncertainty among our different climate models, when we project out into the future, this uncertainty becomes enormous. And the timeline is not all that long. We're going to be looking at some pretty rapid changes to the way we live our lives and the systems in which we live.

Right now in California, we have a pretty good idea of what's happening and what we've got, which is some great habitats and great biota, whole ecosystems that are still intact, including wonderful beaches and oak woodlands and uplands and forests of various kinds that provide us with a rich natural resource heritage. The goal is to characterize various watershed attributes with measurements from which we can develop a statement of condition.

Effects Already in Place

Various climate models predict that thermal expansion of the water in our oceans will cause sea level to rise from 1/10 of a foot to about five feet, just from the molecules shifting around faster and exclusive of melting polar ice. Right now the planning horizon most agencies are using is a 1-3 foot sea level rise due to thermal expansion.

In the developed part of the state where most of us live, the effects are taking place much more rapidly than in rural areas where the landscape isn't as disturbed or changed. In Southern California, we've had flooding and in the last decade some of the biggest fires we've ever experienced. State-

wide we've had the most simultaneous wildfires we've ever had.

The primary questions are:

1. How do we set guideposts in light of all this?
2. How do we know whether we've got a watershed that works the way we want it to?

The Proposed Use of Gradients

The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council has a grant working on this right now, using a model of ecosystem function developed by an EPA science advisory board to which "social-economic condition" has been added to the EPA's original six

watershed attributes. The goal is to characterize these various attributes with a kind of measurement that allows us to assess whether the watershed is maintaining its condition and function or being debilitated in some fashion. In some places, we have established metrics to help us do a better job of describing the watershed's condition.

State and federal agencies have typically assumed a dynamic system but a static condition in their watershed work and resource regulations. For example, we set endangered species rules based on individual species, assuming that if we keep the species in balance, the watershed will be

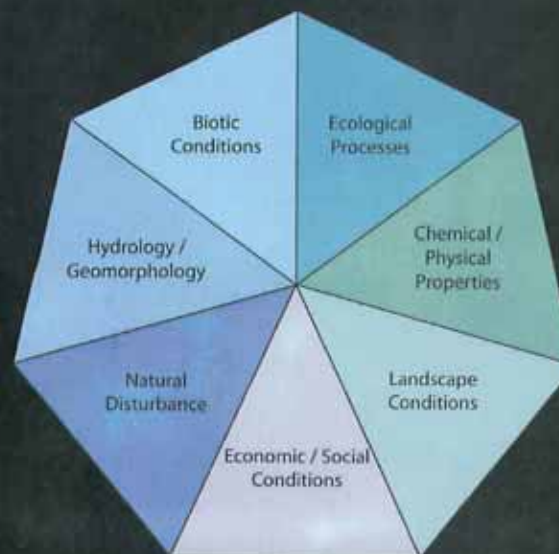
brought along. The problem is that in changing climate scenarios, applying the strategy of focusing on species might not carry any of the balance of the watershed with it.

Because we won't be successful in sustaining species this way and will miss opportunities to capture what the watershed needs to stay functional and healthy, one of the ideas currently being considered is first, building greater diversity into our management schemes and second, moving away from managing things to managing gradients of time, space, conditions and process. We know, for example, that under the various models, oak woodlands will not persist where they are. So if we put all our efforts into preserving an oak woodland on a particular plot of land, unless we have evaluated whether that plot of land will sustain oak woodlands in the future, we're taking a risk of losing a valuable asset and directing a lot of resources into something that can't be maintained.

A better strategy is to create gradients the oak woodland can move to, and in cases where things have changed too fast, to establish or impose gradients to find out where oak woodlands can survive in new conditions.

An Example

Engineers routinely evaluate the roughness of water channels as part of flood management. But when you start delving into this, you see that roughness can also provide a remarkable set of gradients critical to the quality of flood ecosystems.



To look at how this might occur, we put a set of different floodplain plants in a flume and measured their roughness directly. The flow in the flume was very uniform, about a three and a half-foot-per-second and approximately three feet deep. What we saw is that the plants are pretty rough when there's not much water moving through the channel, but with more and more water, the bare soil gets rougher and rougher at the same time the plants get smoother and smoother. They do this by laying over and streaming their leaves downflow. In very high flows, they actually become smoother than the channel.

Without the plants, the flow is at one condition, but with the plants there's a wide variation in channel velocity. Although the amount of water you move through the system is the same, the outcome is very different in terms of the actual conditions, from very slow flows at the bottom of the channel under flood flows to very fast flows at the top.

One repercussion is the soils don't erode under the plant canopy. This suggests that while vegetation on floodplains in large parts of the state has been removed, if we put it back, we can get some benefit in terms of preserving our soils. And in doing so, we can also create gradients that allow for other things to happen. For example, in floodplains where there's vegetation, fish have a tremendous advantage. Take salmon for example, which is an endangered species in the Sacramento Valley. Salmon have two different swimming styles—beat-

ing their tails rather slowly, which they tend to do in slow water, or very quickly, in streamlined swimming behavior when the water gets up to a fast flow.

In slow waters, about a half-a-foot-per-second flow, the fish basically experience the same flow with or without plants. But with plants, a three-foot-per-second flow is equivalent to about one and a quarter-foot-per-second over the fish because the plants break up the flow and create a space for the fish. Although most fish in our experiment can't swim against a flow that's greater than two feet per second, we took the flows up to six feet per second and the fish were fine finding their positions anywhere in the flume. This means that the gradient in velocities the plants created also created gradients in habitat that allow fish to survive and go where they need to go.

Gradients for Social-Economic Conditions

In our social-economic studies, we selected social and financial capital as two parameters of the watershed's social-economic condition. Social capital includes the people in the watershed and their education level, food distribution mechanisms, access to food and parklands and how they're utilized, transportation and how that's shared or not shared and public health issues. These all tend to shift under climate change. If our freeway system went down in Southern California, for example, how would our communities have to shift to accommodate that change?

Here again, gradients and diversity help us manage options. The more diversity we have in our transportation options, the better equipped we're going to be to recover from some kind of disturbance. In Southern California our beaches are one of the primary parkland environments. Are we planning for when sea levels rise? Will we be able to accommodate the needs that beaches provide in other parkland areas? Or are we going to be caught short?

Financial capital tends to be dramatically affected by climate change. Disaster relief gets crimped. The hurricanes that required the insurance companies to pay out large sums in Florida and Louisiana and Texas are diminishing our ability to insure and rebuild. If we can develop different scenarios for how to insure, what to insure and when to distribute that risk more broadly, we will have a better chance of recovering.

During the Dust Bowl era, we were slow to respond because we didn't understand things were changing. Today we understand the context and are much better prepared to move into a situation of change. It will be rapid change, however, and it will require wholesale changes in the way we do business and where and how we live. We may get lucky and have the time and space to do everything without turmoil. More likely we're going to have to really pull together to make it through this uncertainty. ☸

NEW RESOURCES: *Watershed Conference Proceedings*

Proceedings from the Building a Healthier San Gabriel River Watershed conference are now available online!

The 105 page PDF document contains overviews of the presentations and discussions from the conference that brought together 250 researchers, policy makers, decision makers and interested stakeholders to rediscover the common threads in the various efforts underway in the San Gabriel River watershed. Additional information from the conference, including PowerPoints and presentation reference documents, can also be found on the conference website.

You can find the proceeding, presentations, and additional resources online by going to: http://www.lasgrwc.org/conferences/2008_0916/



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DATE: May 18, 2009
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 7D: Review and status discussion of approved grant projects.

The purpose of this report is to provide a monthly update as to the status of each approved project under proposition 40, 50, and 84. The information contained in the reports is project name, applicant name, allocated amount, and the project status. The report is also sorted in alphabetical order by project name. The status section for each grant has been updated to provide additional detail on the grantees' current activities and progress toward project completion.

The final page is a status summary of the most recent grant program funding recommendations. The Board gave conceptual approval for 35 projects in the fall of 2008 as shown on the attached list. However, only 9 projects were specifically approved by the Board. The remaining 26 projects are pending Board approval and as such are not eligible for the released bond funds. Staff is aware that many of these grantees, particularly those that had Tier 1 status and were "ready to go," are significantly impacted by the freeze. Several development projects were at the stage where construction contracts were ready to be awarded when the freeze was imposed. Even for the 9 projects that were approved (but are not yet under contract) staff is prioritizing those projects after projecting our cash needs for projects that were under contract prior to the freeze.

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Project ID	Project Name	Applicant	Workprogram Status	Project Description	Project Status	Funding
RMC3264	Alhambra Wash Naturalization	Amigos de los Rios	Completed	Preparation of an initial feasibility assessment for naturalization of Alhambra Wash.	This project resulted in a study of scenarios for Alhambra Wash. The report outlines the feasibility for a native landscape and recreation redesign of this section of the wash to incorporate trails, native landscape and recreation amenities.	\$40,693.17
RMC3257	Aquarium of the Pacific Education Center Expansion	Aquarium of the Pacific	Completed	This project expanded the footprint of the Long Beach Aquarium to provide greater visual and physical connections to the Pier.	This project is complete. The "Rios de la Vida" ceramic mosaic mural was designed, fabricated and installed on the fountain at the Aquarium entrance. Planning was conducted for the LEED certified education classroom and 2 watershed exhibits.	\$389,593.44
RMC3256	Aquarium of the Pacific Educational Programs	Aquarium of the Pacific	Completed	This small grant supplemented funding from other organizations for a workshop entitled "Creating a Sustainable Coastal Community for the Long Beach of Tomorrow."	Project is complete and was closed August 2004. Services provided under the scope of work included watershed education materials for elementary school teachers.	\$12,000.00
RMC3268	Arcadia Wash Restoration Feasibility Study	Amigos de los Rios	Completed	Assessment of feasibility for removing approximately 2,400 linear feet of concrete lining in the Arcadia Wash.	The report outlines the feasibility for a native landscape and recreation redesign of this section of the wash to incorporate trails, native landscapes and recreation amenities.	\$152,038.05
RMC3286	Azusa Open Space and Access Plan	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Completed	This grant included portions of the activities associated with the development of an Azusa Canyon River Wilderness Park Master Plan and provided for coordination and administration of other river-related planning activities in the City of Azusa.	The project is complete. The consultant completed work on the strategic plan for the City of Azusa and its open space, and also completed research tasks with the city.	\$82,906.92
RMC3252	Bikeway Plan - Gateway Cities	Gateway Cities Council of Governments	Completed	This plan will coordinate, prioritize and comprehensively evaluate the regional bikeway needs in the Gateway Cities area.	Elements of concept design were finally approved by MTA, 4F Federal Rule will not apply to this project. Final billings submitted by Gateway COG. RMC to set up meeting with MTA regarding final design concepts to determine ability to implement.	\$250,000.00
RMC3560	Bluebird Ranch/Ferguson Property	Trust for Public Land	Completed	The Ferguson project is an acquisition project of a total of 259 acres in the City of Glendora.	The Bluebird Ranch Acquisition is complete. The Glendora Conservancy is the land owner and operator with the City holding the Conservation Easement.	\$5,500,000.00
RMC3251	Brownfield Study - San Gabriel Valley	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments	Completed	Brownfields in the San Gabriel Valley COG area were identified for possible open space and economic development opportunities.	A fewer number of sites were found than anticipated, resulting in a reduction in the Scope of Work. The project is complete and only \$80,059.07 was expended, the remaining funds have been disencumbered. The project is	\$250,000.00
RMC3601	Capital Project Management Services	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Completed	At the direction of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Executive Officer, the MRCA shall perform project management tasks for projects on the RMC Workprogram.	Services provided under this grant included project management for RMC workprogram grants. Project Management services included development of project concepts with applicants, negotiations regarding the scope of work and	\$353,538.00

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RMC3305	Cha'wot Nature Preserve (Appraisal)	Signal Hill, City of	Completed	The Cha'wot Nature Preserve project proposes to acquire approximately 32-acres of hillside open space, known as the North Flank, and presently owned by Signal Hill Petroleum.	This appraisal was conducted in 2006, and determined the highest and best uses based upon the constraints identified in the geotech study. Related projects: RMC 3211, Geotech study is complete and 3306 acquisition (not yet funded)	\$20,000.00
RMC3211	Cha'wot Nature Preserve (Geotechnical Studies) see RMC 3305 & 3306	Signal Hill, City of	Completed	The Cha'wot Nature Preserve project proposes to acquire approximately 32-acres of hillside open space known as the North Flank, and presently owned by Signal Hill Petroleum.	The geotechnical studies have been completed. Related projects are: RMC 3305, Appraisal (complete) & RMC 3306, Acquisition (not yet funded)	\$20,000.00
RMC3217	Children's Native Plant Garden	Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Completed	This grant funded planning for a 3/4 acre children's native plant garden for children ages 4-7 at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden.	This planning project is complete and includes a detailed plan for trails and interactive interpretive exhibits. A master plan has been completed and further progress on the Children's Garden is based on the phased implementation	\$55,000.00
RMC3202	Claremont Hills Wilderness Park	Claremont, City of	Completed	Acquisition of 240 acres in the Claremont foothills to augment the City of Claremont's Claremont Hills Wilderness	The project has been completed, and the property is now owned by the City of Claremont and is part of the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park, which now totals 1,589 acres.	\$1,073,000.00
RMC3599	Compton Creek	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Completed	The grant will provide funding to LASGRWC for implementation of the Compton Creek Watershed Management	Grant was extended to Nov. 2007 to pay for project costs. Project is completed, final documentation to be submitted. RMC will look at potential projects in Compton for implementation.	\$59,992.55
RMC3246	Compton Creek Regional Garden Park Master Plan	Compton, City of	Completed	The project is a multi-use recreational facility consisting of 3.3 miles of trails along Compton Creek connecting nearby parks, nature classrooms, and nature preserves within the watershed.	A final report is complete and has been approved by Compton City Council. The report provides details and opportunities for the creation of an open space network connecting Compton Creek to the surrounding community. This project is	\$92,195.25
RMC3213	Coyote and Carbon Creeks Watershed Management Plan	Orange, County of	Completed	This project was for development of a watershed plan for the Coyote and Carbon Creek Watershed	Final Copies of the Watershed Plan have been delivered to the RMC, the financial documents are completed. The project is complete.	\$142,533.78
RMC3580	Coyote Creek Regional Trail System Improvements	Trails-4-All	Completed	The Coyote Creek Regional Trail System project is an assessment of the Coyote Creek Bike Trail as well as signage and some greening projects.	Trails 4 All has had successful stakeholder meetings. The mapping and report are complete and posted on the RMC Website. Grant extension to 8/30/08 to complete distribution. Project is complete	\$250,000.00

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RMC3565	Development of Procedures for Project Funding Criteria	Watershed Conservation Authority	Completed	This grant was given to the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) to enter into a professional services contract for development of FY 04/05 procedures for project funding criteria.	This work has been completed and as a result RMC funded more than 30 eligible capital outlay	\$90,000.00
RMC3232	Dominguez Gap Wetlands Multi-Use Project	Los Angeles - Dept. of Public Works, County of	Completed	The Dominguez Gap Wetlands Multiuse project proposes to modify two existing retention basins located on each side of the Los Angeles River.	The project resulted in improved capture and treatment of runoff along with an extensive native landscape, recreation trails and interpretive signage.	\$192,578.50
RMC3273	Duck Farm Geotechnical Studies	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Completed	The grant provides for geotechnical sampling on the Woodland Duck Farm property and independent analysis of the sampling results.	This project is complete. The final results of testing were reviewed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. The report indicates that the area tested is not suitable for groundwater recharge.	\$146,756.00
RMC3274	Duck Farm Traffic Studies	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Completed	The grant provides for CEQA documentation; a traffic study on the Woodland Duck Farm property and for professional services related to the project.	Work on this grant is complete. The project funded pre-acquisition traffic studies and CEQA documentation for the acquisition of the Duck	\$34,668.84
RMC3259	East Los Angeles Civic Center Improvements	County of Los Angeles	Completed	Assist in creating a sustainable, educational water feature connecting the plaza through open space	The project resulted in a water feature and recreation space at the Civic Center is now complete. An official opening took place on May 9th, 2008.	\$500,000.00
RMC3212	Economic Value for Watershed Management Techniques Study	Los Angeles - Dept. of Public Works, County of	Completed	Develop a tool, in the form of a user-friendly spreadsheet model, to help make economic assessment of watershed improvement projects.	The project is complete. The tool will be available to a wide range of users and demonstrations can be made for a wide variety of stakeholders.	\$50,000.00
RMC3587	Edens Lost and Found: Emerald Necklace	Media and Policy Center Foundation of California	Completed	This project's aim was to produce a segment for the series on the Emerald Necklace and to create a Teacher's Curriculum for the video with Amigos de los Rios.	This project is complete with the video on the Emerald Necklace and the teacher's curriculum delivered and on file. Amigos de los Rios has begun utilizing the video in their outreach efforts.	\$74,500.00
RMC3249	Educational Program on Urban Forestry and Creation of Sustainable Ecosystems	Media and Policy Center Foundation of California	Completed	Eden's Lost and Found is a four-hour PBS series, showcasing extraordinary stories of environmental rebirth in four very different American cities.	The segments covering Chicago and Philadelphia aired in May 2006. The remaining segments, on the Los Angeles area and Seattle were shown in January of 2007. More information is available at http://www.pbs.org/opb/edenslostandfound/ and http://edenslostandf	\$100,000.00

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RMC3208	El Dorado Regional Park Wetlands Feasibility Study	Long Beach, City of	Completed	This project was to study the feasibility of bringing the urban run-off flow of the San Gabriel River through El Dorado Regional Park, Nature Center and proposed wetlands to make the park's lake and stream systems part of the San Gabriel River System.	The study is complete, it is possible to create wetlands in the park at a large cost, report is on file with RMC. Project is complete and closed.	\$100,000.00
RMC3566	Ferguson and Wildwood Pre-Acquisition Expenses	Glendora, City of	Completed	This grant paid for the appraisals and appraisal reviews enabling the City of Glendora and the City of San Dimas to seek funding for acquisition of properties totaling approximately 400 acres located in the San Gabriel Mountain foothills of	The appraisals of Ferguson and Wildwood Canyons are complete. The state review of the appraisals for Wildwood and Ferguson are complete and supported. The work for this grant is now completed.	\$50,000.00
RMC3229	Galster Park Project	West Covina, City of	Completed	The grant provides funding for improvements to portions of the existing 42 acre Galster wilderness park.	The final project resulted in major improvements to the family campground so it is fully ADA accessible, including upgrades to connecting trails, restrooms, and signage. Landscaping was also enhanced with native plants. Final billing has been paid.	\$476,000.00
RMC3339	Graham Elementary School Watershed Education Trail Phase I	North East Trees	Completed	This is the first (phase I) of two grants to fund improvements to an existing alley used to access Graham Elementary by parents and school children.	This project, Phase I, is complete and the second grant, RMC3340, funds Graham Elementary School Watershed Education Trail Phase II.	\$4,991.93
RMC3340	Graham Elementary School Watershed Education Trail Phase II	North East Trees	Completed	This grant will fund improvements to an existing alley used to access Graham Elementary by parents and school children.	NET has completed construction and student outreach for the project. The project resulted in a improved alley with native plants and paving improvements connecting the community to Graham Elementary School.	\$50,920.00
RMC3608	Green Solutions	Community Conservancy International	Completed	A scientific analysis and subsequent identification of multi-purpose projects which will address water quality, water supply, habitat restoration and recreational access in RMCs' territory.	The completed report includes a summary of potential multi-purpose project locations in RMC's territory that have a primary goal of achieving water quality benefits.	\$50,000.00
RMC3568	Green Visions Phase II	Watershed Conservation Authority	Completed	This Phase II project is to implement the major tasks identified in the Phase I framework, to identify and assess opportunities for habitat conservation and restoration, open space acquisition and recreational facilities development, and watershed protect	Results of the species mapping and open space analysis are being incorporated into the web-based GIS tool. Hydrological data integration is pending completion of the data analysis, see	\$500,000.00

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RMC3233	Habitat Authority Community Outreach & Education	California Native Habitat Endowment Fund	Completed	This project is to develop a curriculum to train the trail and program volunteers (Docents) to conduct interpretive tours in the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Authority properties.	Work is complete on this project. The Docent Manual is complete, the training for the Docents outlined. Final payment has been made to the Authority.	\$20,000.00
RMC3556	Historical Ecology of the RMC SGR	Southern California Coastal Water Research	Completed	Define and prioritize historical research questions to meet restoration and management information needs	Project completed 12/31/06. The report has been posted on the websites of the RMC, SCCWRP and Cal State Northridge Geology Department.	\$148,000.00
RMC3562	Integrated Regional Water Management Plan	Watershed Conservation Authority	Completed	This project involved making preliminary findings regarding project opportunities and related criteria for the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Region.	Work has been completed and final work product has been submitted. This document provided the framework for an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the RMC territory.	\$100,000.00
RMC3359	Invasive Weed Control in Riparian Habitat of San Gabriel Valley	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Completed	Undesirable invasive non-native plants will be selectively controlled by targeted herbicide applications.	All work has been completed and resulted in the removal of invasive weeds over a wide area north of Whittier Narrows. The project is currently being monitored for recurrence of invasive weeds.	\$35,238.49
RMC3604	La Habra Heights Trail Connectors Plan	La Habra, City of	Completed	The City of La Habra Heights will locate, identify and assess the condition of multi-purpose trails within the city that have connectivity to other trails in the region, or those that could have connections, if restored with appropriate improvements.	The Master plan has been completed. Work is complete and final billing is complete	\$49,991.58
RMC3231	Lario Creek Enhancement	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Completed	This grant will provide planning funds for stream bank stabilization and restoration while increasing the channel's ability to divert water for groundwater	Review of the two alternatives by Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is complete and the report has been finalized. This conceptual stage of planning is complete. Further work at PW is required.	\$125,000.00
RMC3372	Lashbrook Park	El Monte, City of	Completed	Lashbrook Park is a creation of a park out of unused land along the Rio Hondo River.	The new park is complete and was opened on January 28th, 2006. There is new native plants throughout the park, a bio swale, interpretive signage that includes Emerald Necklace Wayfinding signage. This project is complete	\$71,000.00
RMC3374	Lemon Creek	Walnut, City of	Completed	Expansion and renovation of an existing park. The outdoor portion of the park to be accessible to developmentally disabled patrons and provide passive natural areas with recreational amenities.	This project is now completed and resulted in trail improvements along Walnut creek with native landscaping and amenities.	\$225,000.00

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RMC3570	Long Beach Aquarium Watershed Exhibit Expansion Project	Aquarium of the Pacific	Completed	This grant facilitates the completion of the Long Beach Aquarium Expansion Project - RMC 3257 for design and planning.	The Pierpont exhibit is complete. Construction began on the Classroom and related exhibits in February, 2008. Construction on classroom and native plantings is complete. Opening event 11/12/08. final payment pending bond freeze	\$1,322,000.00
RMC3559	Long Canyon, Santa Clara River	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Completed	The Santa Clara River remains to a large extent unaltered and, because of this much of the natural habitat is intact.	The MRCA has completed the acquisition of the property and will manage the property for conservation purposes.	\$100,000.00
RMC3380	Los Angeles River Bikeway Path Enhancement and Rehabilitation	Bell, City of	Completed	Enhancement and rehabilitation of the LA River bikeway path, City of Bell. This project will extend the River Parkway project funded by the Resources Agency.	Augmentation of the funding for this project approved by RMC Board 7-9-07 for \$151,000 to fund the final reach of this project in the City, along with an extension to the end date to 3-31-08. Project is complete, City has been fully reimbursed.	\$350,900.00
RMC3226	Lynwood Meadows	Lynwood, City of	Completed	Lynwood Meadows project will rehabilitate a vacant city-owned property as a park with natural features including trails, native planting and benches.	Park project is complete. RMC Staff attended Lynwood Meadows Grand Opening on Sept. 13, 2008.	\$562,379.00
RMC3266	Lynwood Nature Park (South Gate Riparian)	Lynwood, City of	Completed	The grant paid for Phase 1 Environmental Assessment (soils sampling).	The project was closed in May 2005. The soils report is in the RMC 3237 file as it also pertains to the South Gate Riparian Habitat Restoration project.	\$5,000.00
RMC3394	Maywood Bikeway Access	North East Trees	Completed	Funding will provide for an enhanced and naturalized bikeway access with native planting, permeable surface, bench seating, and other amenities on the north side of Slauson Avenue at the LA River.	The project is now complete. The project resulted in an enhanced trailhead providing improved access to the Los Angeles River Trail with native landscaping and recreation amenities and has been transferred to the City of Maywood for management.	\$244,109.00
RMC3395	Maywood Riverfront Park	Maywood, City of	Completed	The project has taken abandoned industrial and Superfund sites and converted them into a riverfront park with connections to the LA River Bike Trail.	The park implementation is complete and park is now open. Final retention has been processed. Park opening and dedication took place May 10, 2008.	\$250,000.00

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RMC3269	Mines Avenue Bike Lane Improvement Project	Pico Rivera, City of	Completed	Construction of a Class 2 bike lane along Mines Road to connect the San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Spreading grounds is not feasible at this time.	Final project billing has been submitted for \$56,023.60. The balance of \$224,094.40 has been disencumbered.	\$56,023.60
RMC3204	Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve	Monrovia, City of	Completed	Acquisition of additional acreage in the City of Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve.	The City has completed purchase of 52 acres within the Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve. The city has one last piece of land to acquire in the Preserve. The project is complete and closed.	\$810,000.00
RMC3602	Native Habitat Docent Manual	Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority	Completed	The Native Habitat Docent Manual is a project that started out with the Habitat Fund and has been redirected to the Habitat Authority due to their capacity to complete the work at this time.	The Habitat Authority has completed its Docent Manual and prepared a training schedule for the first class of Docents. The project is complete and closed.	\$26,000.00
RMC3585	Native Landscape Workshop	Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Completed	The project developed and conducted three workshops for landscape architects involved in design of public landscapes.	Turnout at the workshops was excellent, and participant evaluations were highly positive and indicated support of further outreach to assist in the industry's capacity to support the development of sustainable landscapes. This project is now complete.	\$5,212.00
RMC3422	Native Plant Palettes for the San Gabriel River	Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Completed	This grant provides funding for development of a list of native plants that can be used as suitable vegetation palettes for establishment of native plants in the San Gabriel River Watershed.	This project resulted in a comprehensive list of native plants suitable for use in projects within the San Gabriel River Watershed. The project is now complete and the list is under consideration for use in the San Gabriel River Master Plan.	\$51,505.15
RMC3425	Oak Canyon Nature Center	Anaheim, City of	Completed	The project proposes improvements to the interpretive trail and nature center entryway and outdoor amphitheatre.	The City of Anaheim has completed the installation and submitted the final reports and photos. This project is complete.	\$6,050.00
RMC3207	Olinda Historic Trail	Brea, City of	Completed	Build a trail from the historic oil production area of the City of Brea up into the dedicated open space in the hillsides adjacent to Chino Hills State Park	The City of Brea has completed 2.2 miles of trail with educational/interpretive signage. The project is completed and closed.	\$98,050.00
RMC3426	Olinda Historic Trail Phase II	Brea, City of	Completed	The Olinda Historic Trail II is the extension of the Olinda Trail funded by the RMC, allowing for the City to create a loop trail that takes advantage of the conservation easement.	The extension of the Olinda Trail in Brea, Olinda Trail II to its full 2.2 miles is complete. The project is closed.	\$45,000.00
RMC3253	Orange County Open Space and Multi-purpose Opportunities	Orange County League of Cities	Completed	The Orange County Division of the League of California Cities (OCD) assessed open space, habitat, low impact recreation, watershed improvements and educational uses in the Orange County area.	This grant funded identification by the OCD of high priority regional open space and recreational opportunities as well as brought together the Cities in Orange County within the RMC territory. The project is complete	\$125,000.00

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RMC3592	Organic Community Farm	Los Angeles Conservation	Completed	This grant is to fund several projects at the EarthWorks Community Organic Farm, located in South El Monte.	This project is complete.	\$83,260.00
RMC3429	Pacific Communities Acquisition Project	Duarte, City of	Completed	This grant provided for acquisition of the Pacific Communities property, also known as the Duarte Foothills Reserve.	The City of Duarte completed the acquisition of 329 acres in December 2005. The project is closed.	\$3,500,000.00
RMC3200	Park Bond Project Management Services	Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority	Completed	Project management services were provided for RMC grants for capital outlay projects.	The MRCA provided project management services such as project development and grant administration. All services have been completed.	\$547,448.00
RMC3270	Park Bond Project Management Services II	Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority	Completed	This grant provided for project management services over a two year period for the RMC workprogram.	Services provided under this grant included project management for RMC workprogram grants. Project Management services included development of project concepts with applicants, negotiations regarding the scope of work and budget, administration of grant.	\$589,139.00
RMC3242	Park Master Plan - Baldwin Park	Baldwin Park, City of	Completed	Development of a portion of the city's Parks Master Plan, to identify needs and opportunities for open space and passive recreation in the City's existing park	City has adopted the master plan. This project is complete	\$50,000.00
RMC3214	Peck Water Conservation Park	Friends of the Angeles Chapter Foundation	Completed	Conduct a survey of Peck Park and connections to the park from the surrounding communities, and create a master plan.	This project is complete. A Master Plan has been developed for entranceway improvements, habitat restoration, native garden, irrigation improvements, and other park amenities.	\$25,000.00
RMC3235	Pio Pico State Historic Park	Friends of Pio Pico	Completed	Interpretive materials which provide an overview of the capital improvements to Pio Pico State Historic Park.	The interpretive materials have been completed. This document provides an overview of the capital improvements to Pio Pico State Historic Park.	\$5,000.00
RMC3600	Project Management and Technical Services	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Completed	At the direction of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Executive Officer, the MRCA shall perform project management tasks for projects on the RMC Workprogram.	Services provided under this grant included project management for RMC workprogram grants. Project Management services included development of project concepts with applicants, negotiations regarding the scope of work and budget, administration of grant	\$0.00

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RMC3613	Project Management Services	MRCA	Completed	This grant provided for project management services over a two year period for the RMC workprogram.	Services provided under this grant included project management for RMC workprogram grants. Project Management services included development of project concepts with applicants, negotiations regarding the scope of work and budget and grant administration.	\$757,549.00
RMC3224	Puente Creek Nature Education Center	La Puente, City of	Completed	The City of La Puente proposes acquisition of a vacant parcel along Puente Creek on which the Nature Center would be located.	The acquisition and design phase of this project are complete. The project resulted in a master plan for the Nature Center. Construction documents are being finalized for the project.	\$394,522.94
RMC3241	Ralph C. Dills Park Expansion	Paramount, City of	Completed	Development of a park master plan for the newly acquired properties that will be used for passive recreation and open space.	This planning grant is complete	\$200,000.00
RMC3561	Ralph C. Dills Project	Paramount, City of	Completed	This grant provided funds to cover the cost of environmental services and demolition activities associated with properties acquired for the purpose of expanding Ralph C. Dills Park.	The environmental services are complete and the RMC has authorized a grant for site planning, RMC3241, Ralph C. Dills Park Expansion	\$72,435.00
RMC3234	Rancho Los Alamitos Native Garden Restoration	Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation	Completed	The project includes planting of natives, the construction of pathways, interpretive signage, and professional services related to design and planning for the native plantings and improved grading.	The project is complete. The project resulted in the installation of paths, irrigation and historic landscape. The Foundation will host an official opening in the coming weeks.	\$63,546.00
RMC3216	Rancho Los Cerritos Landscape Restoration	Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation	Completed	Rancho Los Cerritos, is a national, state and local historic landmark. This project consisted of site planning to enhance a stream on the site and related amenities	The planning phase of this project is complete and resulted in construction documents for the improvements. RMC Board has approved funding for implementation of the Arroyo phase of this project under RMC 3616.	\$55,042.49
RMC3271	Rio Hondo Watershed Plan	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments	Completed	In 2002, the Regional Water Quality Control Board awarded Proposition 13 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control grants to develop four sub-watershed plans within the RMC area.	This project is complete and the final plan was accepted by the Regional Board. The Rio Hondo Watershed Management Plan contains an overview of existing conditions within the watershed, discusses how these conditions should shape future projects.	\$37,455.00
RMC3557	Riparian and Wetland Mapping	Southern California Coastal Water research	Completed	Digital mapping for wetland and riparian areas in the RMC territory	Mapping was increased from 17 quads to 20, and is complete. The report and maps will be posted on the Cal State Northridge, Center for Geographic Studies Website.	\$104,000.00

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RMC3272	RMC Grant Guidelines	Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority	Completed	Services provided under this grant included development of grant guidelines and a workshop for successful grantees to provide assistance in selecting design and construction contractors.	The grant guidelines have been completed and updated. The consultant completed the workshops and provided all relevant material. An amendment to the scope of work also resulted in the production of GIS tools to help identify RMC projects.	\$144,656.51
RMC3590	RMC Project Management Services (Technical Assistance)	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Completed	At the direction of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Executive Officer, the MRCA shall perform Project Management and Technical Assistance services.	Technical services are provided by the contracts specialist, information technology specialist, and web master to promote RMC capital outlay	\$0.00
RMC3624	San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Landscape Improvement Project	Azusa, City of	Completed	Phase 2 of the San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Center native landscaping, walking trails, signage, irrigation, interpretive displays and an Oak Tree Memorial Groove and Wall.	The grant was awarded on the November 26, 2007 Board Meeting to complete Phase 2 of the development of the native garden at the San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Center. The project was completed on August 4, 2008 and maintenance will be provided by City and ANF	\$293,283.00
RMC3236	San Gabriel River Environmental Graphic Design Services Program	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Completed	This project is the design of graphic elements for signage and interpretive projects along the San Gabriel River.	The project is complete. The complete signage and environmental graphic plan for the river includes the following components: Entry signs, Mile markers, Project signs, Wayfinding signs, and Interpretive signs.	\$17,500.00
RMC3228	San Gabriel River Spreading Grounds	Pico Rivera, City of	Completed	Development of a bike path/walking trail at the Spreading Grounds, landscaping, irrigation lines, the development of a rest area, lighting, interpretive signage and improved public entrances. The project is complete	Project final billing has been processed. This project administered by LA County DPW. The Notice of Completion issued December, 2007.	\$479,882.00
RMC3239	San Gabriel River Trail Enhancement	Seal Beach, City of	Completed	The City of Seal Beach is restoring the existing San Gabriel River Trail.	This project is complete with construction drawings at 90%. The project is completed with phase 2- development under a new grant	\$160,000.00
RMC3247	San Gabriel River Watershed Habitat Restoration Assessment Project	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Completed	The San Gabriel River Watershed Habitat Assessment project is a collection of research and data with an analysis in the Upper San Gabriel River, Walnut Creek and San Jose Creek sub watersheds.	The final report is on file with the RMC and will be included as part of the current conditions of the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Management Plan.	\$84,987.00
RMC3230	San Jose Creek Bike Trail Planning	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Completed	Construction of 0.7 miles of a Class I bicycle trail with enhancements to landscape and hardscape.	Trail alignment and geotechnical work is complete for the San Jose Creek and San Gabriel River bridges. All work covered by this grant is now complete. Funding for construction has not yet been identified.	\$200,000.00

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RMC3215	San Jose Creek Greenway Improvements	North East Trees	Completed	Provide additional habitat benefits to the current Greenway Project by providing additional plantings, interpretive signage, and volunteer events.	This project is complete. The project resulted in landscape and trail improvements along San Jose Creek between Workman Mill Road and the 605 freeway. The improvements are now managed by Los Angeles County Department of Park and Recreation.	\$48,975.00
RMC3244	Seal Beach Open Space Opportunities	Seal Beach, City of	Completed	This small planning grant funded the investigation of potential open space opportunities within the City of Seal Beach and allowed for a master plan approach to future projects.	The project is complete and the plan is on file. Opportunities for planning, partnership, and property acquisition were identified and allow the City to strategically plan its future open space needs and potential opportunities for RMC funding.	\$44,242.76
RMC3262	Seventh Avenue Trailhead Improvements	Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority	Completed	Seventh Avenue Trailhead project was with the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority in the northwestern Puente Hills in the Hacienda Heights community as an improved access point to the Skyline Trail and other trails in the	The Habitat Authority has completed the project that included a trailhead, interpretive signage, a bioswale and connection to the Skyline Trail; they also hosted a trail opening event. The final payments have been made and the grant closed out.	\$231,739.00
RMC3588	South Gate LA River Parkway Access Improvements	South Gate, City of	Completed	This project will provide access improvements to the LA River Parkway at Southern Avenue and Hollydale Park.	Grant augmented by RMC Board for \$215,000. New total \$465,000 covered cost increases. Construction is complete. Ribbon cutting 1-17-08. Final landscaping is complete prior to 11/30/08. Final payment pending bond freeze.	\$465,000.00
RMC3611	South Gate Riparian Restoration Acquisition	Trust for Public Land	Completed	The Trust for Public Land (TPL) provided professional services related to the acquisition of a 7.6+ acre site along the Los Angeles River and a component of the South Gate Riparian Restoration project (RMC3237).	WCA acquired property on August 14, 2008 from TPL. RMC has funded Northeast Trees to develop a feasibility report and conceptual plan for the site.	\$126,000.00
RMC3220	Sycamore Canyon Park Trail Development Project-Diamond Bar	Diamond Bar, City of	Completed	This project developed the first trail increment of the City's five-site, city-wide trail system.	This project, the first 1.5 mile increment of the trail system, is complete. The trail opened on February 25, 2006.	\$124,081.00
RMC3612	Technical Assistance	MRCA	Completed	At the direction of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Executive Officer, the MRCA shall perform project technical assistance support for implementation of bond funded projects	Services provided under this agreement included the preparation of all reports and both fiscal and administrative required for projects funded under each bond program administered by the RMC. This agreement is funded from the support	\$0.00

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RMC3218	THINK RIVER!	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Completed	This small grant funded development of the Think River! project -- an integrated watershed education program to provide educational opportunities for youth in the San Gabriel Valley regarding water quality, water supply and use and habitat.	This project is complete. The final version of the Think River! curriculum is on file.	\$46,440.00
RMC3291	Train Depot Staging Area	Bellflower, City of	Completed	Restoration of an historical train depot into a regional bikeway trail rest stop/staging area as well as transit facility.	Construction is complete and a grand opening was held. Final closeout billing has been	\$250,000.00
RMC3209	Vincent Lugo Park Renovation	San Gabriel, City of	Completed	Develop a master plan for the renovation of Vincent Lugo Park.	The Master Plan is complete. The master plan for redevelopment of Vincent Lugo Park included native planting, run off retention, improved trails and interpretive signage. Balance remaining \$25,024 redirected to RMC3598 11/27/06	\$49,976.16
RMC3205	Washington Park Implementation-Pasadena	Pasadena, City of	Completed	The project consisted of the redevelopment of Washington Park and restoration of historical elements.	Construction is complete and an official opening ceremony was held on September 30, 2006. The project resulted in renovation of trails within the park with native landscaping and interpretive signage.	\$331,543.84
RMC3589	Watershed Assessment and Planning Opportunities	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Completed	The RMC grant would provide support to the Watershed Council to prepare a concept proposal, the first step in a two-stage application process.	The grantee developed a project proposal for Proposition 50, Ch. 7 grant programs, hosted a project workshop and coordinated regional interests in the program.	\$9,223.29
RMC3219	Watershed Education in Multi-Lingual Communities	Regents of the University of California	Completed	The University of California Cooperative Education and East Los Angeles College cooperated to develop a multilingual watershed interpretation and education curriculum for English-as-a-Second-Language students.	The concept was submitted to LA Valley College and to University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) publications for free download. The project is complete.	\$32,094.00
RMC3267	Watershed Education Outreach	TreePeople	Completed	This work was not carried out, as time progressed, the need for TreePeople to provide services to the designated cities was no longer necessary	Grantee has withdrawn from this project, as the scope is no longer feasible. \$17,703 was expended. The balance of the funds has been disencumbered and the project was closed in October 2006.	\$16,093.80
RMC3250	Watershed Improvement Projects- LACC	Los Angeles Conservation	Completed	This grant to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps provides for improvements within the San Gabriel River Watershed.	LACC has completed weed abatement projects, treatment of invasive weeds and landscape improvements along the San Gabriel River and San Jose Creek.	\$150,000.00

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RMC3543	West San Gabriel River Open Space Project Phase II	Lakewood, City of	Completed	West San Gabriel River Open Space Project – Phase II project will extend and connect the greenbelt and existing trails of the West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail (Phase I) through the proposed area to Del Amo Boulevard.	This project is now complete and is open to the public. The project includes native landscape and a trail along the San Gabriel River.	\$300,000.00
RMC3245	Whittier Greenway Extension	Whittier, City of	Completed	The Whittier Greenway is a linear park and multi-use trail along an abandoned 5.2-mile, Union Pacific rail corridor through the City of Whittier.	The project is complete. RMC staff continues to work with the city to identify funding for further work on this project. The City has contracted for the next phase, a connection from the San Gabriel River to Pio Pico State Historic Park.	\$150,000.00
RMC3255	Woodland Duck Farm Acquisition	Watershed Conservation Authority	Completed	Acquisition, planning and implementation of minor improvements to the first major riverfront park along the San Gabriel River.	A survey of the entire vision of the park will be completed early 2009, leaving funds for future relocation of tenants. Notice to proceed to EDAW to conduct survey is being developed. The Survey will reflect new title and record property easements.	\$1,300,000.00
RMC3576	Anaheim Coves/ Burris Pit Park Development	Anaheim, City of	Funded	The Burris Pit/Anaheim Coves project is the development of a trail with landscaping and interpretive elements around a recharging pond in the City of Anaheim.	The completed design will be revisited following collaboration with Orange County Water District and the City mid 2009. Prop 84 grant award 9-08 will be amended for additional \$2,579,000 once bond freeze lifted. Project not stopped, other funds utilized.	\$841,610.00
RMC3260	Azusa River Wilderness Park Acquisition	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	The Azusa River Wilderness Park is a project to create a passive park on the north end of the City of Azusa at the beginning of San Gabriel Canyon.	Acquisition of Taylor, El Encanto and the Canyon Inn site are complete, bringing the park to 69 acres. The MND is out for public comment. Grant extension is needed. Project stopped due to bond freeze	\$1,669,633.00
RMC3596	Azusa River Wilderness Park Planning and Implementation - Prop 40	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	This grant is planning and implementation for the Azusa River Wilderness Park.	The concept planning is completed, the CEQA document is to be published in fall of 2008. The closure of the Mobile Home Park is complete all tenants are out and Demolition is underway. Project will need extension	\$1,321,000.00
RMC3238	Bellflower Riverview Park	Bellflower, City of	Funded	The project will provide a natural, riverfront environment along the San Gabriel River, serving numerous	Project was approved by PUC at its March board meeting. Project on hold due to state budget freeze.	\$300,000.00

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RMC3615	Canyon Inn/International Theological Seminary property	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	The proposed project is a fee simple acquisition of the approximately 26.06 acre International Theological Seminary (Canyon Inn/Cool Springs) property in Azusa within the Azusa River Wilderness Park project area.	Project advance requested for survey and early planning effort. Project suspended prior to advance being processed due to PMIB freeze on bond funds implemented 12/8/2008.	\$1,500,000.00
RMC3640	Chapter 8 Defaulted Tax Property	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	The WCA identified and bid on tax defaulted parcels that would further implement the agency's programmatic objectives. These parcels are available at a low costs and would facilitate WCA's	Staff is working on submitting agreement forms to the County, withdrew submitting parcels in Industry and Monrovia. Working with City staff of Long Beach and Glendora.	\$100,000.00
RMC3254	Citrus Grove Heights	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	Pre-Acquisition and acquisition costs for a tax default property in Pico Rivera along the San Gabriel River and SGR Bikeway, to be developed for a bike rest stop by the WCA.	Staff is working on the conveyance of site from MRCA Anticipated deadline completion TBD due to state budget freeze.	\$15,000.00
RMC3593	City of Long Beach Project Management Services	Long Beach, City of	Funded	The Long Beach Project Services Management grant with the City of Long Beach Real Estate Division to provide assistance for acquisition projects	Project management assistance included North Slope Signal Hill (RMC 3306), Wrigley Heights (no longer active), and Los Cerritos Wetlands projects (Bryant, Bixby, etc). Project complete, partial billing with balance to be disencumbered.	\$100,000.00
RMC3554	Colorado Lagoon Restoration	Long Beach, City of	Funded	The Colorado Lagoon Restoration project in the City of Long Beach is a restoration of a well utilized lagoon.	The City was successful with its grant application was awarded \$3.8 million. Final EIR was posted and final certification on September 08. Grant was completed but pending final payment of \$15,000. Unpaid invoices due to state bond freeze.	\$150,000.00
RMC3621	Compton Creek Daylighting Study	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Funded	This feasibility study will focus on a significant storm drain network or catchment area in the Compton Creek Watershed or areas that drain directly to the western lower Los Angeles River	RMC staff met with grantee in April to discuss start-up pending buget freeze. RMC Staff processed timeline extension through December 2009. Extension pending official response from Fiscal Services.	\$187,000.00
RMC3584	Coyote Creek Bike Trail Connection to Cerritos Regional Park	Cerritos, City of	Funded	The Coyote Creek Bike Trail Connection to Cerritos Regional Park is a project that will enhance 2 access points to the Coyote Creek Bike Path. RMC staff has been working successfully with the City of Cerritos in defining the gateway/access area to Coyote	Design is complete. Delays due to City staff resources. This will require another extension due to permitting issues and the bond freeze stop work order on 12/18/08	\$400,000.00

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RMC3318	Coyote Creek-Los Alamitos Improvement Project	Los Alamitos, City of	Funded	The Coyote Creek-Los Alamitos Improvement project is the creation of a park out of an underused space along Coyote Creek.	Design concepts require revision due to increased project costs. RMC staff assisting with Edison lease agreement. Project stopped due to bond freeze. Grant extension will be necessary	\$1,440,000.00
RMC3419	Discovery Sports Complex (Formerly NASA Park)	Downey, City of	Funded	This grant provides passive recreation and interpretive concepts, and contributes to the cost of the large storm water basin, located adjacent to the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center.	RMC staff visited site in Dec 08, prior to freeze. Sent letter to city re: plant spacing, irrigation and other issues. RMC will schedule site visit in May to finalize project. Project on hold due to state budget freeze.	\$500,000.00
RMC3609	Duck Farm Phase IA Implementation	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	The Phase 1A Duck Farm project involves the development of a 23 acre river adjacent park project.	EDAW work has been suspended due to PMIB decision to freeze bond funds 12/18/2008. Phytoremediation project in riparian corridor only continues with SEP funds from TPL. Grant amend required for BUDGET/TIMELINE PENDING.	\$1,798,389.00
RMC3243	Duck Farm Planning	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	The purpose of this project is to create a Master Plan for the Woodland Duck Farm property.	This project is in the process of being closed out. Final accounting is underway.	\$480,000.00
RMC3263	El Dorado Nature Center Renewal	Long Beach, City of	Funded	The El Dorado Nature Center Renewal is a revitalization of the acreage not utilized currently by the nature center.	Design-Build project will begin construction 12/2009. US Army Corps of Engineers permit is in place. Grant extension approved through April 30, 2009. This project was frozen December 17, 2008 due to State Budget Crisis, grant requires timeline extension.	\$327,000.00
RMC3618	Emerald Necklace San Jose Creek Acquisition	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	This project is a fee simple acquisition of approximately 4 acres within the San Jose Creek area in unincorporated Los Angeles County, Avocado Heights and will be developed as passive open space with equestrian features and water quality elements.	The WCA and landowner have completed negotiations on an option agreement which will result in initiating the due diligence period of 4 months. Staff is working with the County (long term steward) to determine other funds available in lieu of bond funds.	\$50,000.00
RMC3633	Encanto Nature Walk Bioswale Project	Duarte, City of	Funded	The project provides a bioswale with interpretive signage, native landscaping and a small infiltration basin to manage storm runoff.	Work Stopped per PMIB 12/18/08 freeze onl bond funded projects. Project may be postponed until Fall 2009 as a result of both funding freeze and CEQA mitigation requirements. Grant extension needed.	\$508,000.00
RMC3605	Encanto Park Bioswale	Duarte, City of	Funded	This project is the water quality and conservation element in a larger project at Encanto Park, the Encanto Nature Walk Project.	Project bids received, City was ready to award contract at time of bond freeze12/18/08. City is evaluating options that may include postponement till Fall 2009, and extension will be required	\$150,000.00

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RMC3617	Ganesha Park	Pomona, City of	Funded	The proposed Ganesha Park Trails Project will seek to re-open trails at Ganesha Park and to provide users with a sense of history of the park.	The project was 6 weeks behind project timeline at time of bond freeze. Project stopped due to bond freeze, needs new timeline and extension	\$116,945.00
RMC3337	Gibson Park Habitat Plantings	El Monte, City of and Amigos de los Rios	Funded	Part of the Emerald Necklace, Gibson Park grant from the RMC will fund native landscaping, an outdoor interpretive kiosk & an outdoor classroom where visitors and school children can learn about the natural history and resources of this area of the water.	The City of El Monte is preparing to award the contract for construction of "Mariposa Park" RMC Board recommended Tier 1 status for Prop 84 proposal to augment the funding already in place. Project stalled due to state budget freeze.	\$433,500.00
RMC3623	IRWMP Multipurpose Plan Development	West Basin Municipal Water District	Funded	This work is for identification and development of multi-purpose projects for the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan	Staff is involved in this and the development of the Disadvantaged Communities outreach efforts. Stopped due to Bond freeze - needs an extension	\$100,000.00
RMC3222	Laguna Lake Park Master Plan	Fullerton, City of	Funded	The Laguna Lake project in the City of Fullerton is a restoration of a park designed and utilized since the 1950's.	Trail improvements & interpretive signage are complete. RMC approved on 6-23-08 Augment +\$120K, extend to 2-28-09, to complete landscaping. Extension needed due to bond	\$620,000.00
RMC08106	LCWA Hellman Acquisition Related Expenditures	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	Funded	A grant to the LCWA for Hellman Acquisition related expenditures such as closing costs for escrow, title report, surveys and appraisal since these costs are not covered by the WCB grant.	This project was authorized in December 2008 but due to the state bond freeze the project was stopped and payment is pending for the Appraisal Report of \$12,500.	\$60,000.00
RMC3373	Legg Lake Fishing Pier	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	Funded	This grant will provide restoration of an area of North Legg Lake by implementing a shoreline restoration program which includes ADA parking, an access walkway and ramp, an informational kiosk and native landscaping.	The project was transferred from LA County Department of Parks and Recreation to LA Co. Department of Public Works. Construction complete 12/30/08. Final payment pending bond freeze	\$500,000.00
RMC08107	Los Angeles and Rio Hondo Watershed Coordinator	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Funded	The Watershed Council and SGV COG will hire a watershed coordinator to implement the Rio Hondo and Upper San Gabriel Rivers watershed plan by identifying projects that will serve to improve water supply, water quality and recreational access.	Grantee completed approximately two months of work; suspended due to bond freeze.	\$250,000.00

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RMC3586	Los Angeles River Parkway Access Improvements - Cudahy	North East Trees	Funded	Development of a pocket park using several funding sources.	Project is complete. Ribbon cutting held in April 1. Payment requests submitted by NE Trees. On hold due to state budget freeze.	\$150,000.00
RMC3607	Mapping Support Services	Green Info	Funded	Creation of a project management database, clean up and organization of project attributes (GIS and other), map creation.	Green Info Network was stopped on 12/17/08 due to state bond freeze grant, current authorized grant requires a time extension. Pending are several unpaid invoices.	\$31,790.00
RMC08101	Padua Avenue Park Development	Claremont, City of	Funded	This is a 22 acre park development project that will feature both active and low impact recreation spaces. Includes a habitat enhancement feasibility study for the northeastern section of the site.	Construction activities postponed till January due to delays by contractor to provide City of Claremont with necessary documents. RMC funding suspended due to PMIB 12/18/08 freeze of bond funds. Claremont provided signed grant agreement to RMC on 12/19.	\$850,000.00
RMC3594	Phase I Implementation of the Puente Creek Nature Education Center	La Puente, City of	Funded	Phase I of the Puente Creek Nature Education Center is designed to make the park functional while additional funding is being sought to complete the proposed project.	Development of construction documents is almost complete. Final revisions have been submitted and minor changes have been resubmitted based on comments received from Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. Project on hold pending state budget freeze	\$1,175,000.00
RMC3638	Ralph Dills Park Implementation	City of Paramount	Funded	Park development based upon RMC funded master plan for newly acquired properties that will be used for passive recreation and open space.	Project is complete, project dedication took place in Feb. 2009. City has submitted reimbursable for payment, pending state freeze.	\$1,000,000.00
RMC3616	Rancho Los Cerritos Arroyo Improvements	Long Beach, City of	Funded	The Rancho Los Cerritos Arroyo Restoration Project will expand the recreational use of the facility.	Project behind schedule due to delays with building and safety approval from City and suspension of grant funding. Final revisions have been submitted for approval to the City of Long Beach. New grant end date requested is 12-31-	\$275,000.00
RMC3458	Rio Hondo - Roosevelt Avenue River Trail Entry	Montebello, City of	Funded	The City of Montebello's Roosevelt Avenue project will enhance and provide amenities for the trailhead on the Rio Hondo bike path.	The City has received its permits from DPW and the cooperative maintenance agreement with the County has been signed and approved. The City went out to bid and selected a contractor. All work has been stopped due to Bond funding being stopped.	\$210,000.00

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RMC3465	Rio Vista Nature Trail	El Monte, City of and Amigos de los Rios	Funded	This is the second phase following the Rio Vista Park rehabilitation.	Work is proceeding on this project. Work has been completed on the tree planting and installation of the fence and amenities. The trail opened officially in May, 2008 and ongoing monitoring of the native landscape is continuing.	\$567,000.00
RMC3221	Rio Vista Park Restoration and Conservation Project	El Monte, City of	Funded	The Rio Vista Park Restoration is complete it is a project that provides the restoration and rehabilitation of Rio Vista Park complete with interpretive displays, historical depictions of the Rio Hondo.	The project is complete with the interpretive signage and native plantings in place. The park was officially reopened on June 7, 2008. Final payment has been sent to Sacramento. Payment pending release of bond funds.	\$375,200.00
RMC3240	RMC Trail & Recreational Opportunities Plan	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	The product of this grant is a framework for the Green Visions Plan. The deliverables included a plan inventory, online plan library and map, data scan and analytical framework and workshop.	Phase III work was stopped due to state bond freeze. But work resumed May 09 due to non-state funds found, set to complete August 09. Currently the RMC and WCA Board approved a budget amendment December 2008 but no Amended Agreement has been authorized.	\$500,000.00
RMC3477	San Gabriel River Discovery Center	San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority	Funded	Development of a regional watershed educational center San Gabriel River Watershed	Project conceptual planning complete, environmental process, fundraising, lease, sublease and operations agreement formation are in progress. 11-07 RMC approved special exemption to Preliminary Cost Limit. Project not stopped.	\$3,000,000.00
RMC3567	San Gabriel River Trail Connector to Pio Pico State Historic Park	Whittier, City of	Funded	Provide for the development of construction drawings and final and complete construction of a new class two multipurpose trails.	Grant extended to Feb. 2011. City has approval from UPRR for permits for trail portion of project; other issues including pedestrian underpass. Project on hold due to state budget freeze.	\$659,136.00
RMC3573	San Gabriel River Trail Enhancement Development Project	Seal Beach, City of	Funded	The San Gabriel River Trail project is the development phase from the previous planning grant the City of Seal Beach received from RMC.	Grant augmented and extended 11/07. The City hired RBF to update 90% construction documents for the staging area at end of San Gabriel River. Anticipate Coastal Commission permit application submittal mid 2009. Stopped due to bond freeze	\$2,000,000.00
RMC3481	San Gabriel River Walk	Long Beach, City of	Funded	The San Gabriel River Walk is a project that takes an unused open space next to the western levee of the San Gabriel River and develops it into a passive park with pathways, and native landscaping.	Grant was stopped on 12/17/08 due to state bond freeze grant, current authorized grant requires a time extension. Several unpaid invoices are pending, total \$90,184.	\$622,600.00

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RMC3595	Santa Fe Springs Park Improvements and Development of Nature Sanctuary	Santa Fe Springs, City of	Funded	This grant funds implementation of a portion of Phase I functional elements of the park, such as the walking trails and landscaping.	RMC met w/City staff in April to discuss project re-start for northern section, pending hydrology studies, broadened scope of work w city engineer, and private prop issues. City submitted River Prkway application for southern section.	\$600,000.00
RMC3634	South Gate Riparian Habitat Acquisitions Grant	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	\$189K grant from RMC to WCA for acquisition of 4 parcels. 7.6 acres as part of the South Gate Riparian Habitat Restoration project.	Property acquired on 8/12/08 by WCA, \$630K.Next phase: Approve \$1.5 in devo funds (Prop.A) from City of South Gate to WCA. Project on hold due to state budget freeze.	\$189,000.00
RMC3237	South Gate Riparian Habitat Restoration	North East Trees	Funded	Feasibility Study for potential acquisition and development of a small nature park.	Grant end date was March 2009. RMC Staff will extend timeline to allow NE Trees to continue working on hydrology study, soils analysis and other design concepts for completion of grant. Project on hold due to state budget freeze.	\$500,000.00
RMC3582	Sycamore Canyon Trail Phase II	Diamond Bar, City of	Funded	The Sycamore Canyon Trail II project will construct two new trail access points along the trail as well as two class B trail heads.	The City has completed the two trail access points in Steep Canyon and opened them. The signage is complete. Final payment pending bond freeze. Funding for Phase IV pending bond freeze RMC08130	\$140,000.00
RMC3635	Urban, Mountains, and River Parkway, Capital Projects	Mountains and Recreation Conservation Authority	Funded	The project management services provided through this grant to the MRCA will directly benefit the recipients of Proposition 84 grants.	Grant agreement has been executed and work is underway.	\$926,400.00
RMC3598	Vincent Lugo Park Implementation Phase I	San Gabriel, City of	Funded	The grant will provide matching funds to the City for implementation of Phase 1 of the Vincent Lugo Park Masterplan.	60% construction drawings complete/under review. Additional funding approved by RMC Board but PMIB bond freeze has stopped project	\$525,024.00
RMC3522	Walnut Creek Habitat & Open Space Acquisition Project	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	The project is the Watershed Conservation Authority's acquisition of a portion of the 60.76 acres within the riparian area of Walnut Creek and west of the 57 Fwy, in unincorporated Los Angeles County, 5th District, surrounded by the City of San Dimas.	WCA completed the acquisition of the property. Work was stopped due to state bond freeze on 12/08. Grant Agreement requires timeline extension.	\$8,455,000.00
RMC3642	Walnut Creek San Dimas Habitat and Open Space	City of San Dimas	Funded	The City of San Dimas is conducting the pre-acquisition tasks related to the acquisition of the Walnut Creek Habitat and Open Space Project by the Watershed Conservation Authority.	The City of San Dimas completed acquisition tasks relating to Walnut Creek Habitat and Open Space project but City has several unpaid invoices. This project was stopped 12/08 due to the state bond freeze, requires grant timeline extension.	\$80,000.00

Project ID	Project Name	Applicant	Workprogam Status	Project Description	Project Status	Funding
RMC3637	Whittier Greenway Trail Environmental Project	Whittier, City of	Funded	\$203,200 for the remediation of arsenic found on the 4.5 mile Whittier Greenway Trail.	Project is complete. Grand opening in February 2009. City submitted all payment requests, including 10% retention.	\$203,200.00
RMC3619	Whittier Narrows Dam Rec Area Development Plan	Watershed Conservation Authority	Funded	The WCA is working with Army Corps and other agencies to update the Master Plan that will identify sustainable, multi-benefit watershed projects to address open space, recreation and watershed needs of the region.	Wenk Assoc. has begun the development plan process including facilitating executive team, stakeholder team, and community meetings to develop the "baseline" of the WNRA, establish a vision for the plan and develop policies that will guide development.	\$300,000.00

RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
Grant Program Recommendations - Board Action Status
Sort by Project Name - May 1, 2009

Project Name	Applicant	COG	Recommended Funding Amount	Board Action Status	Date of Approval
98th Street Park-South LA	Watershed Conservation Authority	Gateway	\$300,000	Pending	N/A
Avocado Creek & Workman Mill Restoration	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	SGV	\$220,000	Pending	N/A
Azusa-Geology Park Development	Azusa, City of	SGV	\$279,000	Pending	N/A
Big Tujunga Dam Restoration	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	SGV	\$1,000,000	Approved	11/24/2008
Anaheim Coves/Burris Pit Park	Anaheim, City of	OCLC	\$2,579,000	Pending	N/A
Canyon Institute Site Access and Security Project	California Resource Connections, inc.	SGV	\$150,000	Pending	N/A
City of Lynwood Pocket Parks	Lynwood, City of	Gateway	\$520,000	Pending	N/A
Coyote Creek Bikeway Entry Development Project	California Resource Connections, inc.	OCLC	\$100,000	Pending	N/A
De Forest Park Wetland Restoration Project	Long Beach, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, City of	Gateway	\$1,000,000	Pending	N/A
Emerald Necklace Project Implementation Feasibility Study	Amigos de los Rios Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation	SGV	\$200,000	Pending	N/A

Project Name	Applicant	COG	Recommended Funding Amount	Board Action Status	Date of Approval
Gibson "Mariposa" Park Development	El Monte, City of	SGV	\$1,761,588	Pending	N/A
Huntington Park Trail and Open Space Development	Huntington Park, City of	Gateway	\$585,000	Pending	N/A
Jefferson Park-Acquisition and Development	Pomona, City of	SGV	\$1,510,000	Approved	11/24/2008
Kranz School Joint Use Nature Trail	El Monte, City of/ Amigos de los Rios	SGV	\$511,000	Approved	11/24/2008
LCWA Wetlands Restoration & Recreation Access-Hellman	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	Gateway	\$225,000	Pending	N/A
LCWA Wetlands Restoration & Recreation Access- Bryant	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	Gateway	\$225,000	Pending	N/A
Mary Vandyke Park Nature Trail Enhancement	South El Monte, City of	SGV	\$562,034	Pending	N/A
Maywood Riverfront Park Project- Phase 2	Maywood, City of	Gateway	\$125,000	Pending	N/A
Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve Acquisition	Monrovia, City of	SGV	\$1,318,000	Approved	11/24/2008
Multi-purpose Trail /Landscape Development Project	South Gate, City of	Gateway	\$365,000	Pending	N/A
Padua Avenue Park Development Project	Claremont, City of	SGV	\$850,000	Approved	9/22/2008

Project Name	Applicant	COG	Recommended Funding Amount	Board Action Status	Date of Approval
Palm Street Linear Park	Bellflower, City of	Gateway	\$1,840,446	Approved	11/24/2008
Pine Avenue Park Acquisition and Development	Trust for Public Land	Gateway	\$549,289	Approved	10/29/2008
San Gabriel River Confluence w/ Cattle Canyon Improvement Project	Watershed Conservation Authority	SGV	\$766,584	Pending	N/A
San Gabriel/Pine Pocket Park-Rosemead	Rosemead, City of	SGV	\$548,340	Pending	N/A
Santa Fe Basin Gateway Nature Trail	Duarte, City of	SGV	\$50,000	Pending	N/A
Soledad Canyon CAPP Acquisitions	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	North Slope	\$750,000	Approved	10/29/2008
Sycamore Canyon Trail Phase IV Development Project	Diamond Bar, City of	SGV	\$76,230	Pending	N/A
Thompson Creek SG: Acquire, Restore and Develop	League of Women Voters-C Claremont	SGV	\$200,000	Approved	11/24/2008
Una Lake Wetlands Acquisition & Restoration Phase 1	Antelope Valley Conservancy	North Slope	\$105,000	Pending	N/A
Una Lake Wetlands Acquisition & Restoration Phase 2	Antelope Valley Conservancy	North Slope	\$75,000	Pending	N/A
Vincent Lugo Park- San Gabriel	San Gabriel, City of	SGV	\$525,409	Pending	N/A

Project Name	Applicant	COG	Recommended Funding Amount	Board Action Status	Date of Approval
West San Gabriel River Parkway- Phase 3 Development	Lakewood, City of	Gateway	\$106,638	Pending	N/A
West San Gabriel River Walk	Long Beach, City of	Gateway	\$1,144,072	Pending	N/A

DATE: May 18, 2009

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8A: Consideration of resolution approving the preliminary Watershed Conservation Authority preliminary FY 2009/10 Budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC approve the Watershed Conservation Authority preliminary Fiscal Year 2009/10 budget.

BACKGROUND: In accordance with the provisions of the Joint Powers Agreement approval of the WCA budget by the RMC is required. The attached budget report (Exhibit A) includes three expenditure components: Administrative, Operations, and Capital in the total amount of \$4,016,183.

The Administrative expenditure budget in the amount of \$51,583 is shown by line item detail in the attached budget summary. The major expenses in this portion of the budget are for the annual audit and professional services. The professional services item has provided for a contract with Conservation Strategy Group which is funded by the Flood Control District contribution to the JPA. All general operational expenses are funded by the JPA member contributions.

The Operations element of the budget in the amount of \$198,550 is consistent with the annualized revenues and expenditures necessary to operate the Duck Farm, El Encanto, South Gate, Citrus Heights (Pico Rivera) and Walnut Creek properties. However, expenditures at South Gate, Citrus Heights and Walnut Creek are minimal. In order to cover the minimum required at expenditures for Azusa River Wilderness Park, Walnut Creek and Citrus Heights a transfer of revenues is necessary from the Duck Farm and South Gate. The following is a discussion of the operations activities at each of these properties.

WALNUT CREEK

Walnut Creek Open Space was acquired in October 2008 and the process of initiating a long-term management and planning document for recreational uses and habitat conservation was stopped due to the state bond freeze. Currently Walnut Creek Open Space does not have revenues; therefore, until the planning process is completed and uses of the land are better defined the property will remain closed to the public. The property is managed by in-kind services through the City of San Dimas and the RMC. The City of San Dimas has agreed to cover the cost of weed abatement at the site.

DUCK FARM

The operations budget for Duck Farm addresses the minimum requirements needed to maintain the property. The FY 2009/2010 budget includes anticipated expenditures of liability insurance and fire insurance for the dwellings, ranger patrol services, utilities, structure maintenance and property maintenance such as weed abatement. The projected amount of expenditures for FY 2009/2010 is \$120,070. In determining the expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year, staff used the following:

- Insurance estimates (fixed cost)
- Ranger Services - \$3,500 per month based on a minimum number of hours needed to patrol the property and provide on call support for emergencies and events.
- Deferred maintenance contingency - This cost was calculated using expenses from FY 2008/2009, combined with known items pending. Some items have not been cost estimated at this time.
- Property Maintenance/Minor repairs - This cost includes weed abatement activities and other minimal property maintenance requirements, particularly those concerning health and safety.

Revenue for Duck Farm includes funding from leases and citation tickets. These revenues include \$43,900 rental income from three of the four dwellings, \$50,000 lease income from the nursery, and \$36,000 income from the freeway billboards. Anticipated revenue from citations is \$5,000. Total projected revenue for Duck Farm is \$134,955. Because expenditures for El Encanto exceed the revenue generated, staff will transfer funds from the Duck Farm to fill gaps as needed.

Staff is consulting with general contractors, licensed salvage operators and other experts in an effort to develop a deferred maintenance list for the Duck Farm occupied dwellings as well as the vacated outbuildings at the equestrian center. This list will help inform priorities and staff will return to the WCA Board to amend the budget as needed given any changes to revenue that would facilitate moving forward with the tasks.

Additionally, the operations budget for the Duck Farm reflects a revenue offset and benefits in relation to the fourth dwelling at 455 Rall Avenue, adjacent to the equestrian center. Staff is arranging a lease-in-trade with the Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA) for a caretaker (Item8E). To provide background, the equestrian operator is vacating both the house and the center, due to debt owed the WCA for past unpaid rent, at the direction of the WCA Board. Staff is investigating mechanisms to pursue collection of the debt. Staff is also investigating the extent of repairs required for the Rall house to maintain health and safety standards. Additionally, staff anticipates that it will conduct community outreach and advisement regarding the type of future equestrian operations desired. Once this process is complete, staff will issue requests for qualifications to create a list of qualified potential operators, followed by requests for proposals, based upon a sound fiscal plan for long term establishment and operation of the equestrian center. It is projected that this part of the process will take about 12 months.

As mentioned, the MRCA would establish a caretaker presence in the Rall house in trade for repairs and upkeep, of 22 hours per month. The terms will be similar to the lease for the ranger residence at the Azusa Wilderness Park. When the house is returned to rentable condition, the Rall House is expected to draw \$1,400 - \$1,600 per month. Although the rental income will be lost during the 12 month period, the avoided cost of a full-time night security presence and contributed services is significant. MRCA ranger services average \$60 per hour. WCA experience at ARWP has been that resident MRCA personnel provide oversight which far exceeds what might be offered by a non-agency tenant.

Staff is also arranging a Memorandum of Agreement with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC). This would provide additional revenue offset and benefits for the Duck Farm. It has long been part of the planning for the Duck Farm to include the LACC.

At this time, use of the enclosed shed and fenced yard in trade for maintenance and project assistance will provide a mutually beneficial relationship with the WCA and LACC. The LACC occupancy on this part of the site is viewed as very desirable, as it is an area otherwise vacant, and therefore subject to vandalism.

EL ENCANTO

The operations budget for El Encanto addresses the minimum requirements needed to maintain the property. The FY 2009/2010 budget includes anticipated expenditures of liability insurance, ranger patrol services, structure maintenance and property maintenance such as weed abatement. The total amount of expenditures for FY 2009/2010 is \$52,000. In determining the expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year, staff used the following:

- Insurance (fixed cost)
- Ranger Services- \$2,000 per month based on a minimum number of hours needed to patrol the property and provide on call support for emergencies and events.
- Deferred maintenance contingency - This cost was calculated using expenses from FY 2008/2009 with a 20% increase to account for any unforeseen repairs.
- Property Maintenance/Minor repairs- This cost includes weed abatement activities and other minimal property maintenance requirements.

Revenue for El Encanto includes funding from leases and citation tickets. These revenues include two tenants living at the El Encanto property as well as a lease that the WCA has with Rainbow Ranch, the equestrian facility for a total of \$31,200. Anticipated revenue from citations is \$5,000. Total projected revenue for El Encanto is \$36,200. Because expenditures for El Encanto exceed the revenue generated, staff will transfer funds from the Duck Farm to fill gaps as needed.

Staff in consultation with a certified general contractor has developed a deferred maintenance list for the office building and tenant buildings located on the El Encanto property. This list will help inform priorities for repair and staff will return to the WCA Board to amend the budget as needed given any changes to revenue that would facilitate any of these projects moving forward.

Staff is currently working with LA County Health Department to identify an appropriate filtration system for the water system located on site. The County is requiring that the WCA upgrade its water filtration system to comply with water quality regulations. Staff is working closely with the County to identify outside funding to pay for the filtration system. Purchasing and installing the water filtration system will be a top priority during this fiscal year.

SOUTH GATE RIPARIAN PROPERTY

The WCA acquired this property in August 2008 and is working with NE Trees to develop a site plan to develop it into a bike stop and a riparian restoration project. At this time, the property is vacant and is not easily accessible to the public and therefore there are minimal costs associated with its operations and maintenance. The WCA's expenditures include insurance and funding for maintenance requirements such as weed abatement. Total expenditures for the South Gate Property are \$3,100. Revenue for the property and other WCA properties comes from a billboard located on site with CBS Outdoor of \$23,500. The WCA works closely with the City of South Gate to oversee any maintenance issues related to the site.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Capital budget in the amount of \$3,766,050 reflects those grants that are expected to have a carryover balance as of June 30, 2009. The Capital funds include funding from multiple sources such as the RMC, Prop A funds, federal funds and other state funds. These funds have been allocated to support project planning and development.

The final budget will be presented for approval in July.

EXHIBIT A			
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY			
Preliminary FY 09/10 Budget			
REVENUE	Est. Amount		
<i>Administration</i>			
LA County Flood Control District	\$ 25,000		
RMC	\$ 25,000		
Carryover	\$ 1,583		
<i>Sub Total</i>	<i>\$ 51,583</i>		
<i>Operations</i>			
Duck Farm Leases	\$ 134,955		
Azusa River Wilderness Park Leases	\$ 40,095		
South Gate Riparian Park Lease	\$ 23,500		
Carryover	\$ -		
<i>Sub Total</i>	<i>\$ 198,550</i>		
<i>Capital Outlay</i>			
RMC	\$ 3,116,820		
LACFCD	\$ 30,382		
Federal Funds	\$ 320,313		
Local Funds	\$ 298,535		
Other	\$ -		
<i>Sub Total</i>	<i>\$ 3,766,050</i>		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 4,016,183		
EXPENDITURES			
<i>Administration</i>			
Office Supplies & Postage	\$ 1,833		
Bond	\$ 250		
Professional Services	\$ 22,000		
Audit	\$ 25,000		
Board of Directors Insurance	\$ 2,500		
<i>Sub Total</i>	<i>\$ 51,583</i>		
<i>Operations - Detail Attached</i>			
Liability & Structure Insurance	\$ 16,300		
Umbrella Policy	\$ 5,000		
Ranger Patrol Services	\$ 70,000		
Weed Abatement	\$ 27,600		
Utilities	\$ 4,800		
Alarm Services	\$ 1,920		
Park Facilities	\$ -		
Misc. Lease Services	\$ 4,500		
Minor Repairs	\$ 11,575		
Deferred Maintenance Contingency	\$ 42,750		
Transfer to Other Properties	\$ 14,105		
<i>Sub Total</i>	<i>\$ 198,550</i>		
<i>Capital Carryover - Detail Attached</i>			
RMC Grants	\$ 3,116,820		
LACFCD	\$ 30,382		
Federal Funds	\$ 320,312.50		
Local Funds	\$ 298,535.00		
Other	\$ -		
<i>Sub Total</i>	<i>\$ 3,766,050</i>		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 4,016,183		

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Preliminary FY 09/10 Budget
OPERATIONS BUDGET DETAIL

Expenses								
Item	ARWP	DUCK FARM	SOUTH GATE	WALNUT CREEK	CITRUS HEIGHTS	TOTAL		
Liability & Structure Insurance	\$ 8,000	\$	8,000	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$	16,300
Umbrella Policy	\$ 2,500	\$	2,500				\$	5,000
Ranger Patrol Services	\$ 24,000	\$	46,000				\$	70,000
Weed Abatement	\$ 5,000	\$	19,600	\$ 3,000			\$	27,600
Utilities	\$	-	\$ 4,800				\$	4,800
Alarm Services		\$	1,920				\$	1,920
Park Facilities	\$	-					\$	-
Misc. Lease Services	\$ 1,000	\$	3,500				\$	4,500
Minor Repairs	\$ 4,500	\$	7,075				\$	11,575
Deferred Maintenance	\$							
Contingency	\$ 9,000	\$	33,750				\$	42,750
Transfers to Other Properties*		\$	7,810	\$ 6,295			\$	14,105
Operations Sub Total	\$ 54,000	\$	134,955	\$ 9,395	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$	198,550
Revenue	\$ 40,095	\$	134,955	\$ 23,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$	198,550
Balance	\$ (13,905)	\$	0	\$ 14,105	\$ (100)	\$ (100)	\$	0
*Transfers to Other Properties	\$ 13,905				\$ 100	\$ 100	\$	14,105

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY						
Preliminary FY 09/10 Budget						
Capital Outlay Budget Detail						
Project	Funding Source	RMC	Federal	LACFCD	Local	Other
Green Visions - Phase I & III	RMC3240	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,382	\$ -	\$ -
Duck Farm Planning	RMC3243	\$ 62,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Duck Farm Acquisition & Planning	RMC3255	\$ 143,575	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Walnut Creek Property	RMC3522	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ARWP Relocation and Planning	RMC3596	\$ 99,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ARWP Theological Property Acquisition	RMC3615	\$ 446,225	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Emerald Necklace-San Jose Creek	RMC3618	\$ 42,631	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
South Gate Riparian	RMC3634	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,320	\$ -
Duck Farm Phase 1A Development	RMC3609	\$ 1,798,389	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Duck Farm SEP		\$ -	\$ 320,313	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Duck Farm - Prop A		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 147,000	\$ -
Whittier Narrows Recreation Development Plan	RMC3619	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 138,215	\$ -
Tax Defaulted Properties	RMC3640	\$ 100,000				
Capital Outlay Sub Total		\$ 3,116,820	\$ 320,313	\$ 30,382	\$ 298,535	\$ -

May 18, 2009, Item 8A

RESOLUTION 2009-01

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS
ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)
APPROVING THE FY 2009/10 PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the RMC is a state agency created to acquire and manage public lands within the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, and to provide open space, low impact recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed improvement and wildlife and habitat restoration and protection; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District ("DISTRICT"), is a flood control district, whose purpose is to provide for the control and conservation of the flood, storm and other waste waters of said district, to conserve such waters for beneficial and useful purposes and to protect from damage from such flood or storm waters, the harbors, waterways, public highways and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of both the RMC and the DISTRICT to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, The RMC must approve WCA's budget; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved, that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the RMC.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. APPROVES the staff report dated May 18, 2009 and the FY 2009/10 preliminary budget.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on May 18, 2009.

Dan Arrighi, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: May 18, 2009

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8B: Consideration of a resolution amending the Los Cerritos Wetlands Joint Powers Agreement

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC amend the Los Cerritos Wetlands Joint Powers Agreement to delete the exception for appointment of an elected official of either the City of Long Beach or Seal Beach by either the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy or the State Coastal Conservancy.

BACKGROUND: The purpose of the LCWA is to provide for a comprehensive program of acquisition, protection, conservation, restoration, maintenance and operation and environmental enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands area consistent with the goals of flood protection, habitat protection and restoration, and improved water supply, water quality, groundwater recharge and water conservation. Consistent with the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, codified in Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority would be created to exercise the common powers of the participating agencies.

The RMC and others have long sought to acquire the former Los Cerritos Wetlands for the purposes of preserving and restoring coastal wetland habitat. The project area lies within the geographical jurisdiction of both the Coastal Conservancy and the RMC, and restoration of the Los Cerritos wetlands is important to the missions of both agencies. The RMC was established in 1999 to acquire, manage and restore wildlife habitat within the San Gabriel River watershed, and the Coastal Conservancy has been working for more than twenty years to acquire and restore properties within the wetland complex. In June 2006 the LCWA acquired 72 acres of land within the Los Cerritos Wetlands Complex, which marked the first purchase of land within the complex for the purpose of wetlands restoration. The interim Stewardship and Management Program is the initial viable step in a series of planning efforts for this recently acquired land, as well as future acquisitions. This plan is intended to serve as a guide to manage short-term access, education, maintenance, and restoration opportunities, until a comprehensive Wetlands Restoration and Enhancement Plan is developed for Los Cerritos. The Interim Stewardship and Management Program is designed to promote community involvement with environmental education, maintenance, restoration, and monitoring of the wetland areas owned by the LCWA. This program puts forth guidelines to ensure that volunteers use the land appropriately and perform safe and lawful services.

Over the last several years it has been staff's experience that local elected officials and/or employees of the member cities have both the interest and experience critical to the success of the LCWA. Therefore, the restriction regarding this appointment is not in the best interest in meeting the objectives established in the agreement. Staff has polled the other three member entities and it is anticipated that this amendment will be favorably considered by all parties. The proposed amendment to Section 4.1 is as follows:

The Governing Board of the AUTHORITY shall consist of four (4) voting members as follows:

- (a) One voting member appointed by the Governing Board of the RMC. ~~except that the Board shall not appoint an elected official, appointed official or employee of the City of Long Beach or the City of Seal Beach;~~
- (b) One voting member appointed by the City Council of Long Beach;
- (c) One voting member appointed by the City Council of Seal Beach;
- (d) One voting member appointed by the Governing Board of the State Coastal Conservancy. ~~except that the Board shall not appoint an elected official, appointed official or employee of the City of Long Beach or the City of Seal Beach.~~

The full text of the agreement is attached.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES: On November 21, 2005 the RMC adopted Resolution 2005-95 authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement between the RMC, State Coastal Conservancy, City of Long Beach and City of Seal Beach establishing the LCWA created for the purposes of providing a comprehensive program of acquisition, protection, conservation, restoration, maintenance and operation and environmental enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands area consistent with the goals of flood protection, habitat protection and restoration and improved water supply, water quality, groundwater recharge and water conservation.

Exhibit A

**LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY
JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT**

PREAMBLE

Whereas, The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy was established in 1999 to acquire and manage public lands within the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, and to provide open space, low impact recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed improvement, wildlife and habitat restoration and protection; and

Whereas, the State Coastal Conservancy was established to preserve, acquire and hold significant coastal resource sites for public use and enjoyment and to enhance and restore coastal resources which have suffered the loss of natural or scenic values as a result of incompatible land uses and natural or human-induced events,

Whereas, the Los Cerritos Wetlands is located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Cities of Long Beach and Seal Beach;

Whereas, the City of Long Beach and the City of Seal Beach share with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and State Coastal Conservancy a desire to provide for a comprehensive program of acquisition, protection, conservation, restoration, maintenance and operation and environmental enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands area consistent with the goals of habitat protection and restoration, flood protection, and improved water supply, water quality, groundwater recharge and water conservation; Now

Therefore, pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Government Code § 6500, et. seq.), the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (hereinafter “RMC”), the City of Long Beach (hereinafter “Long Beach”), the City of Seal Beach (hereinafter “Seal Beach”) and the State Coastal Conservancy (hereinafter “SCC”) (separately, a “Party”, jointly, the “Parties”) agree as follows:

1. PURPOSE

1.0 There is hereby created a joint exercise of powers authority to be known as the “Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority,” (hereinafter the “AUTHORITY”). The AUTHORITY is formed by this Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Title One, Division 7, Chapter 5, Articles 1 and 2 of the Government Code (Govt. Code, § 6500 et seq.) It is the intent of the parties to this Agreement (hereinafter the “Parties”) that the AUTHORITY shall be the entity responsible for administering this Agreement and shall be a public entity separate and apart from the Parties.

1.1 The purpose of this Agreement is to provide for a comprehensive program of acquisition, protection, conservation, restoration, maintenance and operation and environmental enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands area consistent with the goals of habitat protection and restoration, flood protection, and improved water supply, water quality, groundwater recharge and water conservation.

1.2 As a further necessary and integral purpose of this Agreement, the acquisition of lands for watershed protection, conservation, natural open space, and recreational purposes is contemplated using existing resources and additional resources that may be available by virtue of the joint efforts of the Parties.

1.3 Acquisition may be by way of gift, devise, purchase, or exchange and shall extend to any interest in real or personal property necessary to carry out the purposes of this Agreement.

2. COMMON POWERS

2.0 The Parties agree to exercise their common powers to the maximum extent thereof for the purposes of implementing this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all the powers specified in Joint Exercise of Powers Act, codified in Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code (commencing with § 6500), as may be amended during the term of this Agreement.

2.1 The AUTHORITY shall have no power to acquire property by eminent domain.

2.2 The AUTHORITY shall be subject to all laws (including building ordinances and zoning ordinances), regulations and general and specific plans of the State of California and any city or county in which the AUTHORITY proposes to take action.

2.3 The AUTHORITY shall be subject to restrictions upon the manner of exercising its powers in the same manner as the City of Long Beach is restricted in the manner of exercising similar powers; provided that if the City of Long Beach withdraws as a Party to this Agreement, then the AUTHORITY shall be restricted in the exercise of its powers in the same manner as the City of Seal Beach.

3. JURISDICTION

3.0 For purposes of this Agreement, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Area shall include such areas as may be needed to provide additional habitat, open space and recreational amenities that will further the purposes of the AUTHORITY including but not limited to the following parcels: the Bixby Property, Bryant Property, Hellman Ranch, State Lands Commission Property, and 5-acre Edison parcel as further specified in the attached map.

3.1 The AUTHORITY, upon approval of all the Parties may acquire property, or engage in activities outside the Los Cerritos Wetlands Area as defined in section 3.0 of this Agreement, to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes set forth in Section One of this Agreement.

4. GOVERNING BOARD

4.0. The AUTHORITY shall be governed by a “board constituted pursuant to the agreement” within the meaning of Government Code § 6506.

4.1 The Governing Board of the AUTHORITY shall consist of four (4) voting members as follows:

- (a) One voting member appointed by the Governing Board of the RMC. ~~except that the Board shall not appoint an elected official, appointed official or employee of the City of Long Beach or the City of Seal Beach.~~
- (b) One voting member appointed by the City Council of Long Beach;
- (c) One voting member appointed by the City Council of Seal Beach;
- (d) One voting member appointed by the Governing Board of the State Coastal Conservancy. ~~except that the Board shall not appoint an elected official, appointed official or employee of the City of Long Beach or the City of Seal Beach.~~

4.2. Each appointee shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing body and may be removed by the appointing body at any time with or without cause.

5. MEETINGS

5.0. All meetings of the Governing Board shall be called, held, and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act and with such further rules of the Governing Board as are not inconsistent therewith.

5.1. The AUTHORITY shall keep, or cause to be kept, the minutes of the Governing Board's meetings, and shall as soon as possible after each meeting, forward a copy of the minutes to each member of the Governing Board and to the governing body of each of the Parties.

6. QUORUM AND PROCEDURE

6.0. A majority of the Governing Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The affirmative vote of a majority of those members present and voting shall constitute an action of the Governing Board.

6.1 The affirmative vote of two thirds of those members present and voting, but not less than three votes, shall be required for approval of the following actions: adoption of annual budgets; all contracts and expenditures not otherwise expressly approved in an adopted budget over \$20,000; authorization to accept, acquire or convey interests in property; the addition of other public agencies as Parties; and authorizations to sue.

6.2. Where applicable, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the procedures of the Governing Board, except when inconsistent with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

6.3 The Governing Board shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair who shall serve for a two year term.

7. COMPENSATION

7.0. Members of the Governing Board shall serve without compensation except that a reasonable stipend for attendance at meetings of the Governing Board, as determined by the Governing Board, may be paid to the public members in an amount not to exceed \$50 to the extent compatible with Government Code § 1126, Public Contract Code §§ 10410 and 10411, and any other applicable statute and the availability of funds for this purpose

8. ADMINISTRATION

8.0. The AUTHORITY shall be administered in accordance with the policies and directives of the Governing Board. It shall have an Executive Officer who shall perform the functions stated in Government Code § 6505.1.

8.1. The Executive Officer of the RMC shall serve ex officio, without compensation, as the interim Executive Officer of the AUTHORITY, until a permanent Executive Officer of the AUTHORITY is chosen.

8.2 The Governing Board shall set the terms and conditions for employment of an Executive Officer including but not limited to at will employment status, salary and duties.

8.3. The Executive Officer shall be responsible for establishing and implementing the policies and priorities of the Authority under the direction of the Governing Board and shall further be responsible for the Authority's operation, budget development and administration, contracts, and personnel matters.

8.4. The AUTHORITY may use counsel provided by one of the Parties, or it may retain independent counsel.

8.5. To implement this Agreement the Parties may loan employees or otherwise make their services available to the AUTHORITY.

9. FISCAL CONTROLS

9.0. The fiscal year of the AUTHORITY shall be the fiscal year of Long Beach.

9.1. To the extent funds are legally available and authorized by their respective governing bodies, the Parties may make payments and contributions of public funds to the AUTHORITY for the purposes of this Agreement, or such payments and contributions may be made directly to defray the cost of such purposes, as provided in Section 6504 of the Government Code.

9.2. The AUTHORITY shall be strictly accountable for all funds, receipts, and disbursements as required by Government Code Section 6505. The AUTHORITY shall adopt an annual budget. Public funds may not be disbursed by the AUTHORITY except pursuant to a budget

which has been adopted by the Governing Board of the AUTHORITY and approved by the governing bodies of the Parties, and all receipts and disbursements shall be in strict conformance with the adopted and approved budget.

9.3. The treasurer of Long Beach shall act as the treasurer of the AUTHORITY and shall be the depository and have custody of all money of the AUTHORITY from whatever source. The AUTHORITY shall reimburse Long Beach for costs incurred pursuant to this section, subject to prior approval of the Governing Board. The treasurer so designated shall:

- (a) Receive all money of the AUTHORITY and place it in the treasury of Long Beach, or other appropriate account, to the credit of the AUTHORITY.
- (b) Be responsible on his official bond for the safekeeping and disbursement of all AUTHORITY money so held by him or her.
- (c) Pay, when due, out of money of the AUTHORITY so held, all sums due on outstanding obligations of the AUTHORITY. Said sums shall be paid only by warrants of the public officer performing the functions of auditor or controller of the AUTHORITY pursuant to Section 6505(d) of the Government Code.
- (d) Verify and report in writing on a quarterly basis to the AUTHORITY and to the Parties the amount of receipts since the last report, and the amount paid out since the last report.

9.4. The Auditor of Long Beach shall perform the functions of auditor or controller of the AUTHORITY. The Auditor shall either contract with a certified public accountant or prepare an annual audit of the accounts and records of the AUTHORITY. In each case the minimum requirements of the audit shall be those prescribed by the State Controller for special districts under Section 26909 of the Government Code, and shall conform to generally accepted auditing standards. Where an audit of an account and records is made by a certified public accountant, a report thereof shall be filed as a public record with each of the Parties. Such report shall be filed within six months of the end of the fiscal year under examination. Any costs of the audit, including contracts with or employment of a certified public accountant shall be borne by the AUTHORITY and charged against any unencumbered funds of the AUTHORITY. The AUTHORITY shall reimburse Long Beach for costs incurred in connection with the performance of any other functions by the Auditor Controller, pursuant to this section, subject to prior approval of the Governing Board.

9.5. The AUTHORITY shall have the power to invest any money in the treasury of the AUTHORITY that is not required for the immediate necessities of the AUTHORITY, as the AUTHORITY determines advisable, in the same manner and upon the same conditions as local agencies pursuant to Section 53601 of the Government Code.

10. BONDS

10.0. Each member of the Governing Board, the Executive Officer, and treasurer shall file an official bond with the AUTHORITY. When deemed appropriate by the AUTHORITY, a master

bond may be utilized as referred to in Government Code Section 1481, and the bond shall also comply with the requirements of Title 1, Division 4, Chapter 3 of the Government Code. The bond shall be in the amount of not less than \$50,000. The premium shall be paid by the AUTHORITY.

11. LIABILITY

11.0. The tort liability of the AUTHORITY and of all members of the Governing Board, and the executive officer and employees of the Parties, who may be loaned to the AUTHORITY, shall be controlled by the provisions of Division 3.6 of the Government Code. The provisions of Division 3.6 of the Government Code relating to indemnification of public employees and the defense of actions arising out of any act or omission occurring in the scope of their employment shall apply to all members of the Governing Board, officers, and employees of the AUTHORITY.

11.1. The Parties specify pursuant to Government Code Section 6508.1 and in recognition of Tucker Land Co. v. State of California (2002) 94 Cal.App.4th 1191, that the debts, liabilities, contracts and obligations of the AUTHORITY shall not be the debts, liabilities, contracts and obligations of any of the Parties.

11.2. Neither the AUTHORITY nor the Governing Board shall have the power or authority to bind the Parties, or any of them to any debt, liability, contract, or obligation, or to employ any person on behalf of the Parties, or any of them.

11.3. No action or omission of the Parties or any of them shall be attributable to any other Parties to this Agreement.

12. INSURANCE

12.0 The AUTHORITY shall maintain such public liability and other insurance as in its discretion is deemed appropriate and to the extent the cost of premiums thereof are provided for in the approved budget of the AUTHORITY.

12.1. In addition, the AUTHORITY may insure itself and the Parties, and the officers and employees of the Parties, in a manner, form and amount appropriate and acceptable to the Governing Board of the AUTHORITY.

13. DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY AND FUNDS

13.0. Upon termination of this Agreement, the AUTHORITY forthwith shall wind up its affairs, including discharging all of its outstanding legal obligations. Personal property and funds remaining with the AUTHORITY shall be returned to the Party from which the fund or personal property were obtained, except as mutually agreed by the Parties. All real property, if any, owned by the AUTHORITY shall be conveyed as the AUTHORITY shall determine prior to termination of this Agreement.

14. WITHDRAWAL OR ADDITION OF PARTIES AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

14.0. Any Party may withdraw as a Party to this Agreement provided that: (1) at the time of withdrawal, that Party has either discharged, or arranged to the satisfaction of the other Parties for the discharge of, any pending legal, environmental or financial obligations it has assumed under or pursuant to this Agreement and (2) it provides written notice of its intent to withdraw to the Executive Officer of the AUTHORITY not less than three months prior to the effective date of its withdrawal.

14.1. Additional "public agencies" within the meaning of Section 6500 *et seq.* of the Government Code may become a Party by resolution of the governing boards of each of the then existing Parties and majority approval of the Governing Board of the AUTHORITY.

15. CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE PARTIES

15.0. Contribution is here defined to include monetary contributions, if any, and the reasonable value of the services of any employees of any Party loaned by it to the AUTHORITY, if any.

15.1. Each Party shall, subject to the availability of funds, make an equal annual contribution to or on behalf of the AUTHORITY for purposes of this Agreement, as specified in the approved annual budget of the AUTHORITY. It is anticipated that each Party shall contribute a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$25,000 per annum to cover project management and associated administrative expenses.

15.2. Section 15.1 shall not affect the mutual exchange of services between the Parties to this Agreement and the AUTHORITY without payment of any consideration other than such services. Such mutual exchange of services is hereby authorized to the extent permitted by Section 6506 of the Government Code. One or more Parties may, however, provide all or a portion of its annual contribution in the form of services to the AUTHORITY with the prior approval of the Governing Board

15.3. The Parties acknowledge that RMC and SCC, as state agencies, may not enter into contracts in amounts exceeding \$35,000 (which amount may be adjusted pursuant to the State Administrative Manual or State Contracting Manual) without the approval from the California Department of General Services.

16. NON- DISCRIMINATION

16.0 The Authority shall comply with the provisions of the State of California Non-Discrimination Compliance Statement which requires compliance with Government Code Section 12990 (a-f) and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Division 4, Chapter 5 in matters relating to reporting requirements and the development, implementation and maintenance of a Nondiscrimination Program. The Authority shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), medical condition (cancer), age (over 40), marital status, denial of family care leave or denial of pregnancy disability leave.

17. PARTICIPATION GOALS

17.0. The participation goals specified in Government Code Section 6522 are incorporated herein and shall apply to contracts executed by the AUTHORITY.

18. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT

18.0. The provisions of this Agreement may be amended upon the adoption of a resolution to amend by the governing body of each Party.

19. TERM

19.0. This Agreement shall continue in full force and effect from year to year until terminated.

19.1 The Parties may mutually agree to terminate this Agreement and the AUTHORITY shall thereby dissolve in accordance with applicable law. The vote of the Governing Board to dissolve shall be unanimous.

20. STATUTORY NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

20.0. Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Agreement or any amendment thereto (whichever the case may be), the AUTHORITY shall cause a notice of such Agreement or such amendment to be prepared and filed with the office of the Secretary of State for the State of California in accordance with the requirements of Government Code section 6503.5.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed on the _____ day of _____, 2005 by their duly authorized representatives.

**SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY**

By: _____

COASTAL CONSERVANCY

By: _____

CITY OF LONG BEACH,

By: _____

CITY OF SEAL BEACH,

By: _____

May 18, 2009 - Item 8B

RESOLUTION 2009-02

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS
ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)
RECOMMENDING AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE LOS
CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY JOINT POWERS
AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, The RMC is authorized to enter into contracts and grants in accordance with Section 32614(b) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

WHEREAS, the RMC, State Coastal Conservancy, City of Long Beach and City of Seal Beach (hereinafter referred to as "Parties") are authorized by statute to enter into joint powers agreements with other public agencies (Government Code § 6500 *et seq.*; Public Resources Code § 32614 (b)); and

WHEREAS, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority is an established separate public entity within the meaning, and for the purposes of, the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (e.g., Government Code § 6500 *et seq.*) and governed solely and in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, attached hereto; NOW

Therefore be it resolved that, the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Section 32600 *et seq.* of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated May 18, 2009.
4. APPROVES amending the LCWA joint powers agreement as specified in the staff report.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on May 18, 2009

Dan Arrighi, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: May 18, 2009

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8C: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant amendment to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for capital outlay project management services (RMC3635)

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant amendment to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for purposes of amending the budget categories, extending the term of agreement and the reporting requirements for capital outlay project management services (RMC3635).

BACKGROUND: Due to the state bond freeze the grant to the MRCA forced the termination of contract services as previously authorized for eight positions. The project planning and design services provided through the grants to the MRCA directly benefit the recipients of Proposition 84 grants. Typical services provided by staff include working with grantees to assess and develop acquisition plans and documents, assisting grantees in the development of site improvement plans, and overseeing the permitting and construction of trails, parks and restoration sites.

Formed in 1985, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), is a joint-powers authority between: the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Conejo Recreation and Park District, and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. The primary reason for recommending the MRCA as the grant recipient is that this agency provides a very competitive benefit package and therefore quality candidates can be hired and retained to provide the required services. Approval of the recommendation will continue the project management staff levels at current levels.

The proposed amendments to this grant will include reducing the scope of work for the remaining funds in the grant, \$570,892 by reducing the total number of positions to four and extending the term of agreement to June 30, 2010. This amendment is necessary due to 1) the reduced workload in view of the bond freeze and 2) to provide for essential services for Prop 84 projects in the next fiscal year. It is also proposed that the reporting requirements for the grant will be amended to include project specific narrative progress reports on monthly basis.

FISCAL: The attached Exhibit A provides the budget detail for this work. The funding source for this grant is Propositions 84 in accordance with the following authority:

Section 75050: The sum of nine hundred twenty eight million dollars (\$928,000,000) shall be available for the protection and restoration of rivers, lakes and streams, their watersheds and associated land, water, and other natural resources in accordance with the following schedule:... (g) The sum of seventy two million dollars (\$72,000,000) shall be available for projects within the watersheds of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers according to the following schedule:

(1) \$36,000,000 to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy pursuant to Division 22.8 (commencing with Section 32600).....

Section 75060: The sum of five hundred forty million dollars (\$540,000,000) shall be available for the protection of beaches, bays and coastal waters and watersheds, including projects to prevent contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds, projects to protect and restore the natural habitat values of coastal waters and lands, and projects and expenditures to promote access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the state, in accordance with the following schedule:.... (3) To the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.....\$15,000,000.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES: The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) statute provides in part that:

§32604: The conservancy shall do all of the following: Establish policies and priorities for the conservancy regarding the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River, and their watersheds, and conduct any necessary planning activities, in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32602.

§32614.5: (a) The conservancy may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of this division.

EXHIBIT A

**MRCA - RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY CAPITAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES BUDGET
PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BUDGET**

Position	Wage	Benefits 0.57	Overhead 0.58	Vehicle 0	Total hrly	Hrs	Total
Community Project Liason	19.69	11.22	12.76	-	43.67	1,768.00	77,212.84
Community Project Liason	18.68	10.65	12.10	-	41.42	1,768.00	73,236.51
Community Project Liason	18.80	10.71	12.18	-	41.69	1,768.00	73,703.16
Cons. Project Dev. Analyst II	25.91	14.77	16.79	-	57.48	1,768.00	101,619.78
Cons. Project Dev. Analyst II (1/2)	31.58	18.00	20.47	-	70.05	884	61,927.13
Director of Special Projects	33.16	18.90	21.49	-	73.55	1,768.00	130,030.50
Director of Water Policy	72.11	41.10	46.73	-	159.94	1,768.00	282,773.88
Special Projects Analyst	23.97	13.66	15.53	-	53.17	1,768.00	93,996.53
TOTAL -division 712 (RMC/MRCA)	243.90	139.02	158.05	-	540.97	13,260.00	894,500.34
Personnel Support Expenses	Monthly Average	# Emp.					
Travel	250	8					24,000.00
Miscellaneous (Training, Office Supplies)							5,000.00
Overhead - 10%							2,900.00
Sub Total							31,900.00
Grand Total							926,400

AMENDED BUDGET THRU JUNE 30, 2010
7 Positions, 1 Authorized Position Remained Vacant

Expenses 7/1/08 Thru 4/24/09

355,508.00

7/1/09 thru 6/30/10

Cons. Project Dev. Analyst II	25.91	14.77	16.79	-	57.48	1,768.00	101,619.78
Cons. Project Dev. Analyst II	25.91	14.77	16.79	-	57.48	1,768.00	101,619.78
Cons. Project Dev. Analyst II	30.09	17.15	19.50	-	66.74	1768.00	117,995.65
Director of Special Projects	33.16	18.90	21.49	-	73.55	1,768.00	130,030.50

Projected Personnel Expenses 7/1/09 - 6/30/10

451,265.71

5/18/09 thru 6/30/09

Cons. Project Dev. Analyst II	25.91	14.77	16.79	-	57.48	256.00	14,714.18
Cons. Project Dev. Analyst II	30.09	17.15	19.50	-	66.74	256.00	17,085.34
Director of Special Projects	33.16	18.90	21.49	-	73.55	256.00	18,827.95

Projected Personnel Expenses 5/18/09 - 6/30/09

50,627.46

Total Actual & Projected Personnel Expenses

857,401.17

Projected Travel, Training, Meeting & Other Expenses

68,999.17

Grand Total – Revised Budget**926,400**

May 18, 2009 - Item 8C

RESOLUTION 2009-03

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) AUTHORIZING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR PROJECT PLANNING SERVICES.

WHEREAS, The RMC is authorized to enter into contracts and grants in accordance with Section 32614(b) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act Of 2006 (2006 Bond); and

WHEREAS, The RMC authorized a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning services and it is now necessary to amend the grant; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that, the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Section 32600 *et seq* of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that this project is consistent with the purposes of The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act Of 2006 (2006 Bond).
3. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
4. ADOPTS the staff report dated May 18, 2009.
5. APPROVES a grant amendment for Proposition 84 capital outlay project planning services to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on May 18, 2009

Dan Arrighi, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: May 18, 2009

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8D: Consideration of a resolution recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for the Duck Farm

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC recommend that the Watershed Conservation Authority to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for the Duck Farm

BACKGROUND: Phase 1A conceptual planning for the Duck Farm includes a native plant nursery, with the intention of having the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) conduct the operations. An interim arrangement to include the presence and assistance of LACC at the Duck Farm has been a long term goal.

WCA staff is currently negotiating a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the LACC for this interim purpose. This will provide additional revenue offset and benefits for the Duck Farm. At this time, LACC use of the enclosed shed and fenced yard on the northeast portion of the site in trade for maintenance and project assistance will provide a mutually beneficial relationship. The LACC occupancy on this part of the site is viewed as very desirable, as it is an area otherwise vacant, and therefore subject to vandalism. Prior to adoption by the WCA the language will be finalized, but will remain the same as this draft, in substance. See Exhibit A for Vicinity and location maps. Exhibit B provides the draft MOA.

The Duck Farm project is highly significant to the mission of the RMC and WCA, not only because it is located in a chronically park poor area of the San Gabriel Valley, but also because its completion will transform this reach of the San Gabriel River and help realize the goals of the San Gabriel River Master Plan and bring us a step closer to the completion of the Emerald Necklace vision for a connected network of river based parks. As early as 2001 the Duck Farm has been identified as an important project for the RMC and then for the Watershed Conservation Authority. In 2001 the RMC took action to work with the Trust for Public Land (TPL) on the acquisition of the Duck Farm. Since that time the RMC has provided funding to the Watershed Conservation Authority for acquisition expenses, environmental assessments, various studies (traffic, soils, etc.), and an extensive planning process. Currently the project is moving from concept planning to final planning and construction drawings for Phase 1A of the Duck Farm. The RMC has authorized several grants for the Duck Farm over time, one of which is the Duck Farm Acquisition project (RMC3255), Planning project (RMC3243) and Phase IA Implementation (RMC3609).

The Duck Farm is also a project that is included in the Emerald Necklace, an open space plan for the San Gabriel Valley that seeks to connect communities from Los Angeles County and 10 cities and nearly 500,000 residents to the San Gabriel River and the Rio Hondo by means of river based parks and trails. The Duck Farm will be a major destination on the Emerald Necklace park network. Trail bridges that are part of the Phase 2 planning will connect the Duck Farm to the San Gabriel River Bike Trail that extends from the San Gabriel Mountains to the

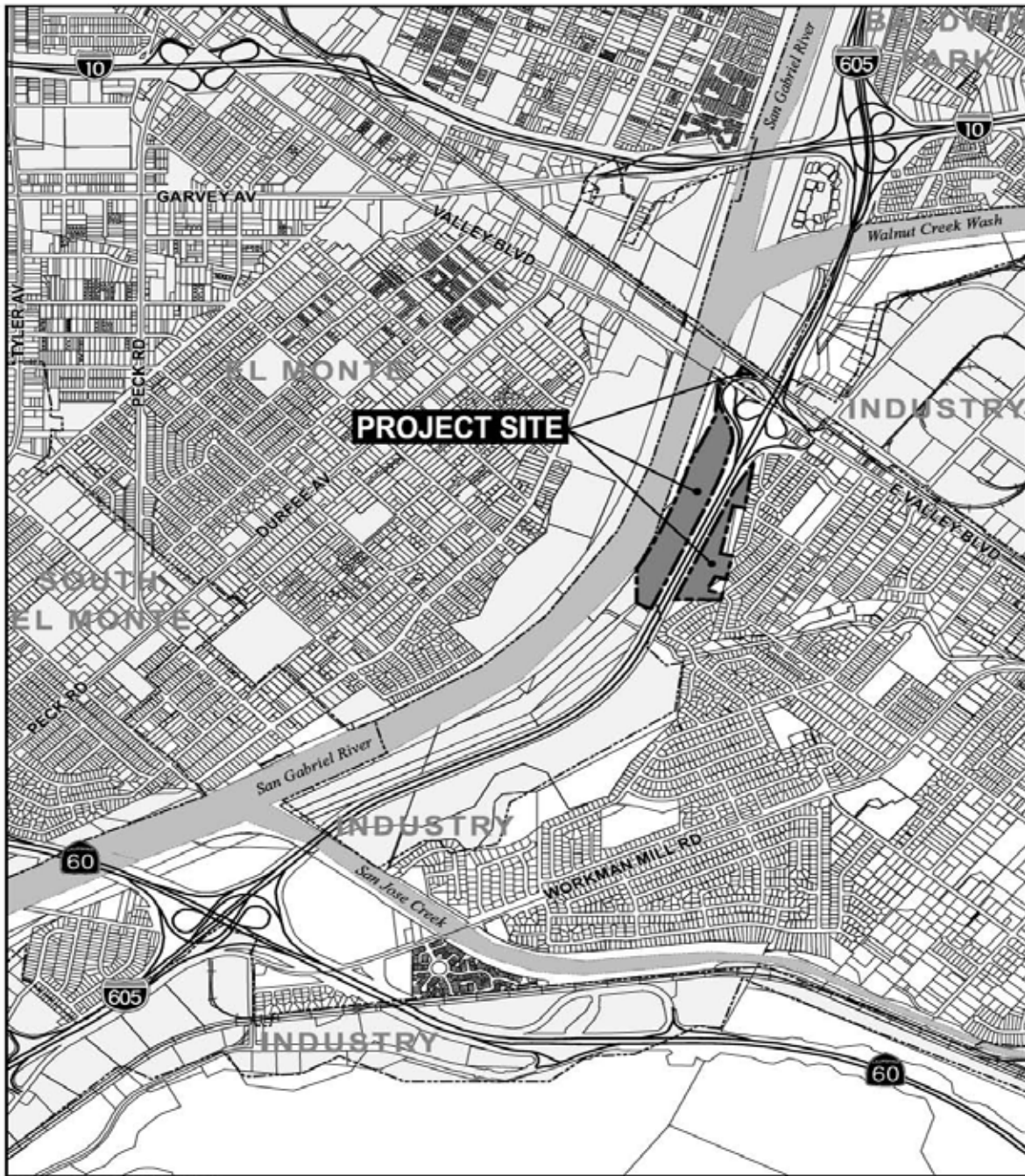
Pacific Ocean at Seal Beach. The trail bridges will also connect the Duck Farm to area schools on the west side of the river and to the Whittier Narrows Nature Center, 5 miles to the south.

FISCAL INFORMATION: Presence of the LACC at the Duck Farm site in the existing shed and adjacent fenced yard would help keep the property in good repair and usefulness, and deter vandalism in this otherwise deserted quadrant of the property. The LACC will provide services in kind as trade for the use of the facilities.

LACC will provide the value of \$1700 a month in lieu of direct rent in crew labor for the Duck Farm (projects and/or site maintenance work to be determined in advance), for one day a month. This market rate value was determined based on a review of the rental rates for similar types of facilities. The crew consists of 5 + people, a supervisor, with tools. The crew labor may consist of as needed site maintenance i.e. graffiti removal and weed abatement, site improvements and restoration. Prior to commencement of Services, a Scope of Work shall be prepared by the Corps in advance of all work projects to be carried out, and approved by the WCA.

LACC will provide an active alarm service at the shed and remove graffiti on a regular basis, do painting and minor repairs of the building and cover insurance for their stored equipment and materials). The LACC will pay for any services that they deem are necessary to maintain their belongings stored at the site and for moving items in and out.

Exhibit A1



Source: County of Los Angeles, 2006.



Duck Farm Draft IS/MND
Watershed Conservation Authority

Figure 2-2
Local Vicinity Map

Exhibit A2 – Item 8D
Location – Duck Farm Garage & Yard

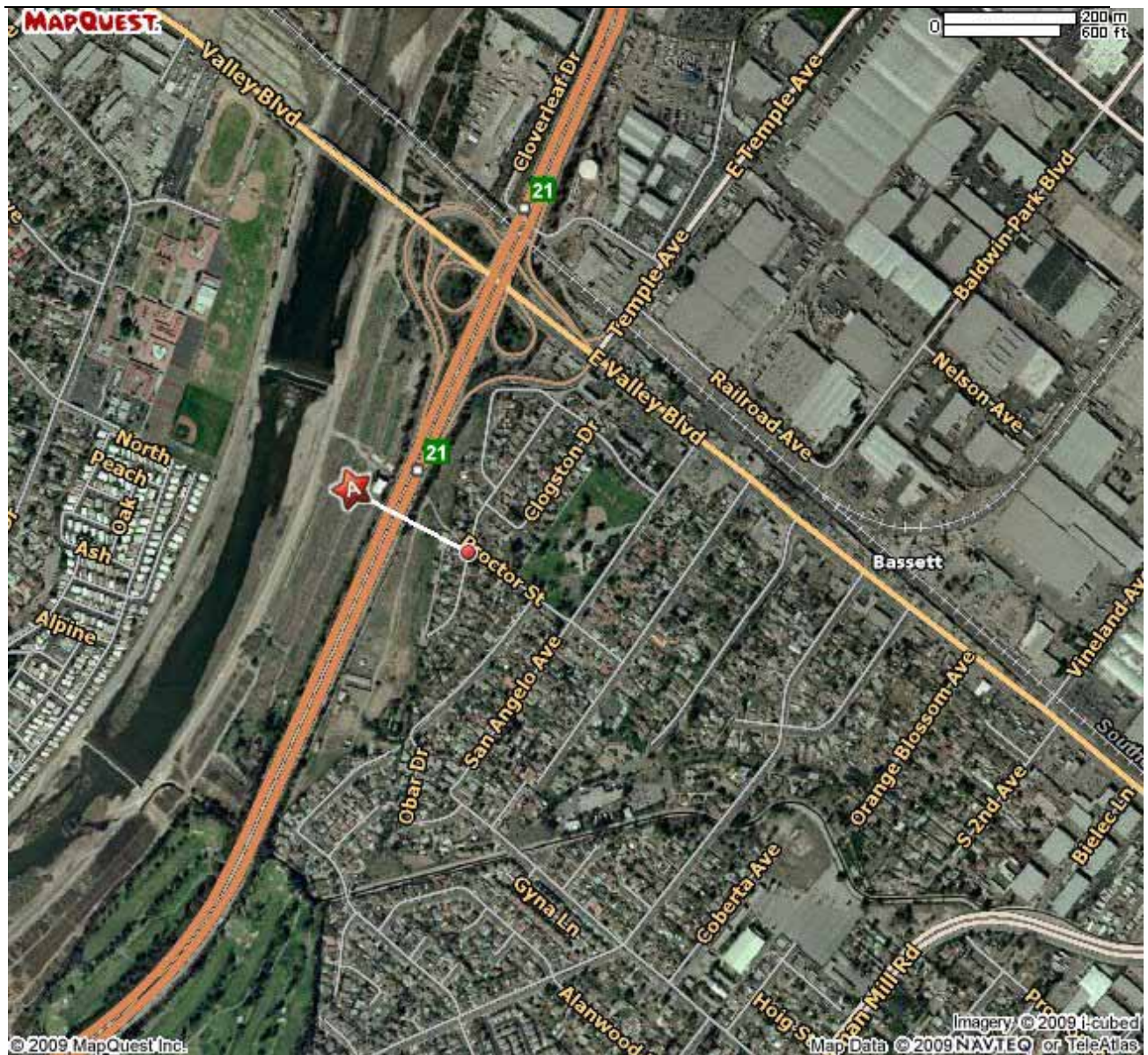


Exhibit B**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

This Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 20__ ("Effective Date") between the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (the "Corps"), and the Watershed Conservation Authority ("WCA"), a joint powers authority (Government Code 6500 *et seq.*) of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy ("RMC") and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District whose mission is to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area constituent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation. The Corps and the WCA are sometimes individually referred to as "Party" and collectively as "Parties" throughout this MOA.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the WCA whose mission is to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration, and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation.;

WHEREAS, the Duck Farm, a 57-acre site along the San Gabriel River acquired by the WCA in 2004 (the "Duck Farm"), which the WCA intends to transform into public open space;

WHEREAS, the mission of the Corps is to provide at-risk young adults and school-aged youth with opportunities for success through job skills training, education and work experience with an emphasis on conservation and service projects that benefit the community;

WHEREAS, the Corps desires to provide certain services to the WCA at the Duck Farm and, in exchange for such services, the WCA desires to provide facilities at the Duck Farm for the Corps' use, specifically referring to the Duck Farm garage and the fenced off land behind the garage ("Garage & Yard").

NOW, THEREFORE, WCA and the Corps agree as follows:

1. **Scope of Services in Lieu of Rent.** The basic work, which the Corps is responsible to perform, (the "Services"):

a. The amount of \$1700 a month in lieu of direct rent in crew labor for the Duck Farm (projects and/or site maintenance work to be determined in advance), for one day a month. The crew consists of 5 + people, a supervisor, with tools. The crew labor may consist of as needed site maintenance i.e. graffiti removal and weed abatement, site improvements and restoration. Prior to commencement of Services, a Scope of Work shall be prepared by the Corps in advance of all work projects to be carried out, and approved by the WCA.

b. Cost for Southern California Edison (approximately \$100/month) for power to the Garage & Yard and costs for security (approximately \$75/month).

c. In addition to the crew labor for “project/maintenance” one day a month, provide monthly upkeep of the Garage & Yard, meaning graffiti removal and weed control.

d. If the WCA and the Corps agree to any further engagements for services, such additional engagements shall be evidenced by a mutually acceptable and fully-executed agreement setting forth the new Scope of Services (the “Scope of Services Agreement”). Each additional Scope of Services shall identify (i) the services to be provided by the Corps; (ii) any documentation, reports, plans, programs, work programs or other deliverables to be delivered by the Corps (the “Deliverables”); (iii) location(s) at which the services will be provided; (iv) timeline for the performance of the services, including delivery dates for the Deliverables and the estimated commencement date and completion date for the project; (v) any specifications for the Deliverables or the services; and (vi) fees, if any, to be paid by the WCA for the additional services. Each new Scope of Services Agreement entered into by the parties shall reference this MOA and shall be attached hereto and made a part of this MOA. In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of this MOA and the Scope of Services Agreement, the terms and conditions of this MOA shall govern. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corps shall not be required to enter into any additional Scope of Services Agreement and may reject any proposed additional services in any proposed Scope of Services Agreement in its sole and absolute discretion.

e. The Corps shall only be responsible for performing those Services expressly set forth in a Scope of Services. The Corps will perform the Services in accordance with the terms set forth in the applicable Scope of Services, this MOA and any applicable laws and regulations.

f. Corps Personnel. The name and contact information for the Corps manager(s) or supervisor(s) responsible for the Services:

Dan Knapp, Deputy Director
Bo Savage, Sr. Director of Conservation Programs
Teague Weybright, Program Director

2. Term and Termination.

a. Term. This MOA shall be effective as of the date first written above and shall continue in effect until one year from that date unless sooner terminated in accordance with this Article 2. At the expiration of the initial term, this MOA may be renewed for additional consecutive one (1) year terms upon mutual agreement of the parties.

b. Termination. This MOA may be terminated by either party with or without cause upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. Either party may terminate this MOA on ten (10) days prior written notice to the other party upon the failure of such other party to comply with any of its material obligations hereunder, which breach remains uncured for a period of ten (10) days after delivery of notice of such breach to the other party.

3. Consideration. As consideration for the Services, WCA shall make available the Garage & Yard for occupancy by the Corps during the term of this MOA. At the end of the term of this MOA, all Tenant Improvements made by the Corps shall become the property of

WCA. The Corps shall be provided access to the Garage & Yard prior to the effective date of the lease for the purpose of constructing the Tenant Improvements.

4. Expenses. The Corps shall be responsible for payment of all expenses incurred by it in connection with performance of the services, and WCA shall not reimburse the Corps for any such expenses.

5. Independent Contractors. In the performance of the work, services, duties and obligations under this MOA, it is mutually agreed and understood that the parties are and shall be independent contractors, and not partners, joint ventures, employer/employee, principal/agent or any other relationship, and the parties agree not to hold themselves out as any such relationship. Neither party shall have any right to obligate or bind the other party in any manner whatsoever. Each party agrees to be solely responsible for all matters relating to payment of its employees, including, but not limited to, compliance with all federal, state and local payroll tax and withholding requirements and all regulations governing such matters.

6. Covenants of WCA. The WCA shall provide the Corps the following to facilitate the Corps' performance of the Services: (a) space and facilities, and (b) technical expertise, when and as necessary and agreed upon beforehand.

7. Additional Covenants; Representations and Warranties. Each of the parties hereto represents and warrants to the other party that: (a) it shall adhere to all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations and orders of public authorities relating to the Services, including, without limitation, all work place safety, hiring and environmental laws and regulations, (b) it has the full right, power and authority to enter into this MOA and to perform the acts required of it hereunder; (c) its execution of this MOA, and its performance of its respective obligations and duties hereunder, do not and will not violate any agreement to which it is a party or by which it is otherwise bound; (d) when executed and delivered, this MOA will constitute the legal, valid and binding obligation of such party, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms; (e) at the Duck Farm, it and its personnel shall (i) comply with all reasonable requests, rules or regulations of the other party regarding safety and health and personal and professional conduct applicable to such premises; and (ii) otherwise conduct themselves in a businesslike manner.

8. Confidentiality. Any reports, information, data or other materials compiled or obtained by each party during the course of performance of the Services, including opinions and conclusions based upon such information, are the joint property of the Corps and WCA. The parties agree that such reports, information, opinions or conclusions shall not be made available to or discussed with any third party, including the news media, without prior notice to the other party.

9. Indemnification. Each party shall defend, hold harmless and indemnify the other party, and its members, directors, officers, agents and employees of and from all claims, loss, expenses (including attorneys' fees), damage, injury, actions, causes of action and liability of every kind, nature and description directly or indirectly arising out of or connected to the negligence or intentional acts or omissions of the other party or its agents in connection with the performance of this MOA and any of the parties' operations or activities related thereto.

10. Limitation of Liability. In no event shall The Corps be liable for any special, incidental, indirect or consequential damages of any kind in connection with this MOA. Corps and the WCA each agree to indemnify and hold harmless the other, its' officers, agents and

employees from all claims and demands of liability caused by the indemnifying party during or after completion of the project/contract. No party may assign this contract or any interest therein without the written consent of the other parties.

11. Insurance Requirements. The Corps represents and agrees the Corps shall take full legal and equitable responsibility for its activity on and use of the Premises, including temporary trailers or use of any and all structures or improvements on the Premises, and will fully indemnify, defend, protect, and hold harmless the WCA, in the event of vandalism, theft, or damage to property or injury or death to persons participating in such activities or use in connection with any building, structure or improvements erected by the Corps on the Garage & Yard.

The Corps must carry and provide evidence of General Liability and Auto Liability naming WCA as Additional Insured for not less than \$1,000,000.

The Corps must carry all necessary Workers' Compensation, auto and general liability insurance to cover all The Corps employees and related project sites. All agreements relating to the design and/or implementation of the project, including those executed following the completion of the project, shall contain a clause prohibiting discrimination against any employee or employee applicant engaged in project operations on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ancestry, age, physical handicap or national origin. Such clause shall include all aspects of employee and employee-employer relations.

The Corps agrees to protect, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the WCA, WCA's directors, officers, constituent members (including without limitation Los Angeles County Flood Control District and San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy) employees, and agents, from any and all liability, claims, demands, and causes of action of any nature, in law or in equity, and any expense incident to the WCA's defense, for injury to or death of persons or loss of or damage to property occurring on or about the Garage & Yard, that grow out of or are connected with the Corps 's use, development and/or occupation of the Garage & Yard, or the condition of the Garage & Yard (unless the condition is one for which the WCA has expressly assumed the responsibility for remedying and the condition is not caused by the Corps). The Corps shall further protect, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the WCA, WCA's directors, officers, constituent members (including, without limitation, Los Angeles County Flood Control District and San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy), from and against any and all claims arising from any breach or default in the performance of any obligation on the Corps 's part to be performed under the terms of this Lease, or arising from any negligence of the Corps or the Corps 's agents, employees, representatives, or contractors from and against all costs, attorneys fees, expenses, and liabilities incurred in the defense of any such claim or action or proceeding brought thereon; and in case any action or proceeding be brought against the WCA by reason of any such claim, the Corps , upon notice from the WCA, shall defend the WCA at the Corps 's expense by counsel satisfactory to the WCA. The Corps, as a material part of the consideration to the WCA, hereby assumes all risk of damage to property or injury or death to persons, in, upon or about the Garage & Yard arising from any cause and the Corps hereby waives all claims in respect thereof against the WCA.

Each party shall procure and maintain, for the duration of this MOA, insurance coverage which it deems, in its sole and absolute discretion, to be adequate to protect it from the following: (i) claims under workers' compensation and state disability acts; (ii) claims for damages because of bodily injury, sickness, disease or death that arise out of any negligent act or omission of such party or its employees, subcontractors or other personnel; and (iii) claims

for damages because of injury to or destruction of tangible property, including loss of use resulting there from, that arise out of any negligent act or omission of such party or its personnel. Each party reserves the right to require the other party to furnish certificates of insurance with original endorsements effecting coverage and/or complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

12. Non-discrimination. There shall be no discrimination against or segregation of any person, or group of persons, on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, gender, sex, age, marital status, disability or sexual orientation, in the performance of this MOA. Neither the Corps nor the WCA shall not establish or permit any such practice or practices of discrimination or segregation with reference to this MOA or any part thereof.

13. Notices. Any notices from either party to the other shall be given in writing to the attention of the persons listed below, or to other such addresses or addressees as may hereafter be designated in writing for notices by either party to the other. A notice shall be deemed received when delivered or three days after deposit in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, whichever is earlier.

a. Corps:

Dan Knapp
LA Conservation Corps
P.O. Box 15868
Los Angeles, CA 90015
Phone: (213) 362-9000
Email: dknapp@lacorps.org

b. WCA:

Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer
Watershed Conservation Authority
El Encanto
100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon Road
Azusa, CA 91702
Phone: 626-815-1019 Ext. 100
Email: bfaustinos@rmc.ca.gov

14. Modification; Amendment. Any modification, waiver or amendment of any of the provisions of this MOA must be in writing and signed by both WCA and the Corps.

15. Severability. If any provision of this MOA shall be determined to be illegal or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect any other provision and all such other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

16. Governing Law. This MOA shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, without reference to its choice of law doctrine and with venue in the State of California, County of Los Angeles.

17. Entire Contract. This document represents the complete understanding between the parties as to the matters described herein, and there are no oral understandings between WCA and the Corps affecting this MOA not set forth herein. This MOA supersedes all

previous negotiations, arrangements, and understandings between WCA and the Corps with respect to the subject matter hereof.

18. Performance and Execution of Documents. WCA and the Corps will perform any act and execute and deliver any document which is reasonably required to carry out the terms of this MOA.

19. Headings. Titles of parts or sections of this MOA are inserted for convenience only and shall be disregarded in construing or interpreting its provisions.

20. Authority. The undersigned represent and warrant that he or she has full power and authority to enter into this MOA and to bind the Corps and the WCA, respectively, in accordance with its terms.

The Corps and the WCA have caused this MOA to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

LOS ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS

By:

Bruce Saito, Executive Director

Date

WATER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

By:

Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

Date

May 18, 2009 - Item 8D

RESOLUTION 2009-04

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS FOR THE DUCK FARM

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Conservation Corps has demonstrated the experience necessary to implement the proposed program at the Duck Farm site, a project of the Watershed Conservation Authority; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that, the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Section 32600 *et seq* of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated May 18, 2009.
4. APPROVES a recommendation that the Watershed Conservation Authority enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for the Duck Farm.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on May 18, 2009

Dan Arrighi, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: May 18, 2009

TO: WCA Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8E: Consideration of a resolution recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority for the Duck Farm

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC recommend the Watershed Conservation Authority enter into a Lease Agreement with the Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority for the Duck Farm.

BACKGROUND: Conceptual planning for the Duck Farm includes an expanded, long term equestrian center. Although this conceptual plan is not a part of the Phase 1A work currently contracted, the intention is to provide continuing equestrian operations in the interim, at the existing location. The equestrian center has been operated under a lease agreement which was assumed by the WCA from Trust for Public Land (TPL). TPL was responsible for the purchase of the Duck Farm property from the private owner, and the Duck Farm ownership was subsequently conveyed to the WCA. The TPL equestrian lease agreement included lease of the residence at 455 Rall Avenue and related facilities which include a swimming pool, tack room, five stable stalls and a small enclosed field for horses. See Exhibit A for Vicinity and location maps.

Due to breach of the lease agreement resulting in debt owed to WCA, the equestrian operator is voluntarily vacating the site and the Rall house at the direction of the WCA Board. All boarders at the center have vacated the equestrian center. The equestrian center will remain closed during a period of community outreach and formation of an advisory committee which will provide guidance for future long term equestrian operations at the site. From this information, the WCA will evaluate potential configurations for fiscally viable long term operations and circulate a request for qualifications, then a request for proposals. It is anticipated this process may take approximately 12 months.

During this time, the house and related facilities as well as the equestrian center will undergo necessary health and safety modifications. The house, pool, tack room, stable and small field will be under the care and watchful eye of Mountain Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA) construction employee (s), via a lease agreement which provides tenancy in exchange for care and surveillance services. It is possible that more than one MRCA construction employee will reside at the Rall house. Each MRCA tenant will contribute 22 work hours per month in exchange for rent and utilities. The MRCA will provide tools and equipment for maintenance and repairs as scheduled by WCA staff, to be conducted by the MRCA tenant(s).

WCA staff is currently negotiating a Lease Agreement with the MRCA for this interim purpose. This will provide additional revenue offset and benefits for the Duck Farm. MRCA tenancy in exchange for care and surveillance services will provide a mutually beneficial relationship. The MRCA occupancy on this part of the site is viewed as desirable, as the equestrian area will be vacant, and therefore subject to vandalism. Prior to adoption by the WCA the language will be finalized, but will remain the same as this draft, in substance. Exhibit B provides the draft Lease Agreement.

Under a separate contract with the WCA, the MRCA Rangers will continue surveillance of the equestrian site and the rest of the Duck Farm for security purposes and compliance with rules and regulations established at the park. The Ranger contract allows for 20 patrol hours weekly. The residential lease increases the presence of the MRCA staff on a daily basis, which is most important at night and weekends. This will enhance the safety of the property in during night-time and weekend hours which we understand has proven to be the busiest time for the MRCA Rangers.

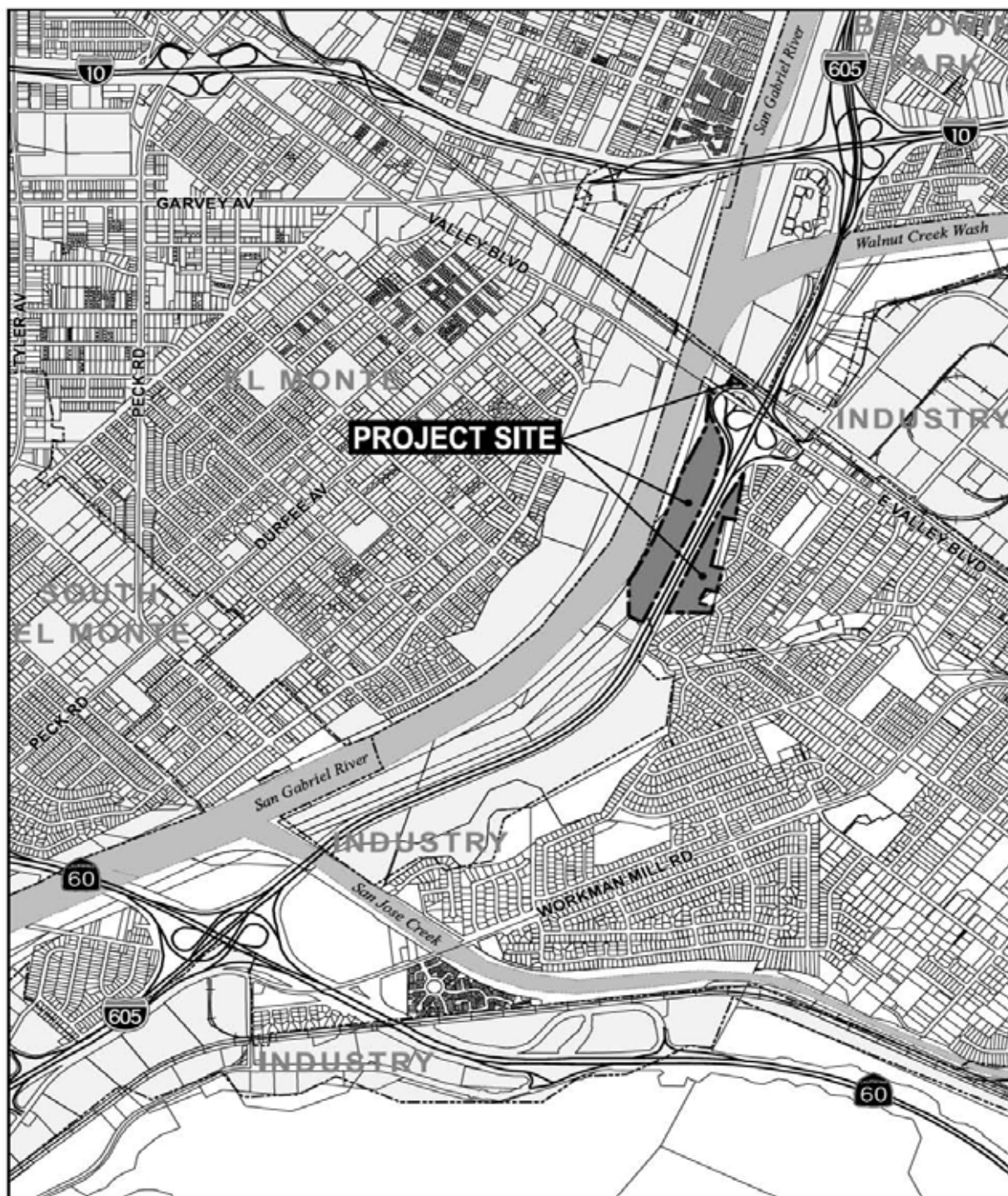
The Duck Farm project is highly significant to the mission of the RMC and WCA, not only because it is located in a chronically park poor area of the San Gabriel Valley, but also because its completion will transform this reach of the San Gabriel River and help realize the goals of the San Gabriel River Master Plan and bring us a step closer to the completion of the Emerald Necklace vision for a connected network of river based parks. As early as 2001 the Duck Farm has been identified as an important project for the RMC and then for the Watershed Conservation Authority. In 2001 the RMC took action to work with the Trust for Public Land (TPL) on the acquisition of the Duck Farm. Since that time the RMC has provided funding to the Watershed Conservation Authority for acquisition expenses, environmental assessments, various studies (traffic, soils, etc.), and an extensive planning process. The project is ready to move from concept planning to final planning and construction drawings for Phase 1A of the Duck Farm. The RMC has authorized several grants for the Duck Farm over time, one of which is the Duck Farm Acquisition project (RMC3255), Planning project (RMC3243) and Phase IA Implementation (RMC3609).

The Duck Farm is also a project that is included in the Emerald Necklace, an open space plan for the San Gabriel Valley that seeks to connect communities from Los Angeles County and 10 cities and nearly 500,000 residents to the San Gabriel River and the Rio Hondo by means of river based parks and trails. The Duck Farm will be a major destination on the Emerald Necklace park network. Trail bridges that are part of the Phase 2 planning will connect the Duck Farm to the San Gabriel River Bike Trail that extends from the San Gabriel Mountains to the Pacific Ocean at Seal Beach. The trail bridges will also connect the Duck Farm to area schools on the west side of the river and to the Whittier Narrows Nature Center, 5 miles to the south.

FISCAL INFORMATION: The WCA budget loss of \$24,000 for 12 months as a result of this action will be offset by avoided costs for necessary services. This amount consists of estimated residential rental income of \$1,600 per month, or \$19,200 per year. Additionally, the WCA will cover utilities costs up to \$4,800 for 12 months.

Avoided and offset costs are described as follows: 1) the contract hourly rate for one MRCA tenant's annual time contribution is \$15,840. 2) MRCA contribution of tools and equipment for the work to be done adds to this value, as WCA does not own tools and equipment. 3) MRCA tenant(s) will have awareness and training to provide surveillance, not usually found in typical residential tenants. 4) Because the WCA has fiscal constraints and has found it necessary to reduce the Ranger Patrol hours since the bond freeze was implemented, surveillance of the larger, now vacant equestrian area is critical. Although difficult to value, MRCA tenant surveillance, if calculated at the MRCA hourly rate of \$60 per hour, is significant.

Exhibit A1



Source: County of Los Angeles, 2006.

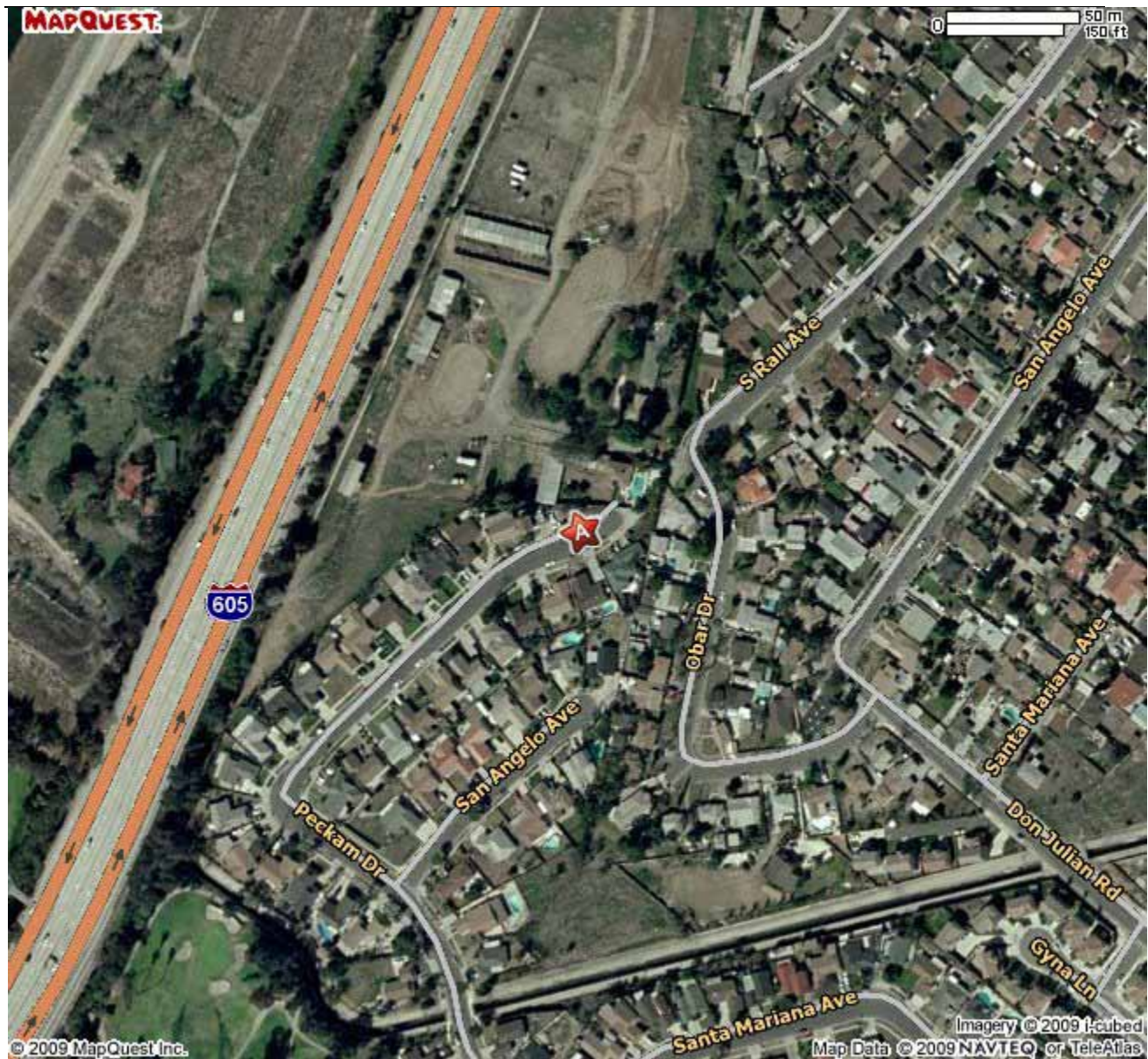


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Duck Farm Draft IS/MND
Watershed Conservation Authority

Figure 2-2
Local Vicinity Map

Exhibit A2 – Item 8E
Location 455 Rall Avenue, La Puente, CA



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Item 8E – Exhibit B

PROPERTY NAME: 455 South Rall Avenue, La Puente, CA 91746

TENANT NAME:

LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT is entered into and effective this _____ day of _____, 2009, by and between the Watershed Conservation Authority, a joint powers agency established pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code 6500, *et seq.* ("WCA") and _____(TENANT), a MRCA Employee, and the following named individual(s), if any, hereinafter referred to as TENANT HOUSEMATES listed herein:

The parties do agree as follows:

1. WCA does hereby lease to TENANT that certain real property in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, together with appurtenances, described as follows: 455 South Rall Avenue, La Puente, CA 91746, ("PREMISES").

2. The PREMISES shall be occupied for residential purposes only.

3. The term of this AGREEMENT shall be from _____, __ 2009 until _____, __ 2010 ("Initial Lease Term"); at the end of the Initial Lease Term, this Agreement shall remain in force on a month-to-month basis, unless terminated by either WCA or TENANT at any time giving the other party notice in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the date when such termination of the AGREEMENT shall become effective unless one of the following occurs:

a. The employment relationship between TENANT and the MRCA is at will, and therefore said employment relationship is terminable at the will of either the MRCA or the TENANT, with

or without cause, at any time. In the event of termination of the employer- relationship between MRCA and TENANT, this AGREEMENT will immediately terminate and TENANT and any TENANT HOUSEMATES will surrender possession of the PREMISES to WCA 30 days. TENANT acknowledges that in the event the ranger services contract entered into by and between the WCA and the MRCA expires or is otherwise terminated TENANT will be required to surrender the premises to WCA.

b. TENANT will be deemed to be in breach of the AGREEMENT due to gross malfeasance, gross negligence, or criminal conduct on the part of TENANT and/or TENANT HOUSEMATES, and in such case, this AGREEMENT is immediately terminated, and TENANT and TENANT HOUSEMATES will surrender possession of the PREMISES to the WCA within a reasonable time set by the WCA.

c. Breach of any of the provisions of this AGREEMENT by TENANT and/or TENANT HOUSEMATES will be grounds for immediate termination of this AGREEMENT, and in such case, the TENANT and/or TENANT HOUSEMATES will surrender possession of the PREMISES to the WCA 30 days.

d. It is in the WCA's best interest to terminate this AGREEMENT.

e. The WCA sells or transfers ownership of the PREMISES.

f. Nothing in this AGREEMENT is intended to alter the at-will nature of the TENANT's employment status with the MRCA.

4. TENANT shall occupy the PREMISES at the full discretion of the Executive Officer of the MRCA as part of the compensation to TENANT in his capacity as an at-will of the MRCA and at the full discretion of WCA. Occupancy of the PREMISES by TENANT HOUSEMATE(S) is conditioned upon the continued employment of TENANT with the MRCA, compliance with park rules by TENANT HOUSEMATES and compliance with the provisions of this AGREEMENT by both TENANT and TENANT HOUSEMATE(S). As a requirement of continued employment with the MRCA, TENANT is expected to perform the responsibilities described in Paragraph 6 of this AGREEMENT in a satisfactory manner, as determined by the Executive Officer of the MRCA or his designee and WCA.

5. WCA has determined that it is in the best interest of the WCA to have TENANT, so long as he is employed by the MRCA, occupy and manage the PREMISES for the purposes of public safety, property protection and to perform the duties set forth in Paragraph 6 of this AGREEMENT. Therefore, the public benefit services provided by TENANT are in lieu of monetary compensation for the lease of subject property.

6. Failure to perform the services listed in Paragraph 6 below in a satisfactory manner, as determined by the Executive Officer of the MRCA or his designee and WCA shall constitute a breach of this AGREEMENT. Furthermore, should TENANT cease to be an employee of the MRCA for any reason whatsoever, TENANT and TENANT HOUSEMATES shall be subject to notice to vacate PREMISES pursuant to Paragraph 3 of this AGREEMENT.

7. TENANT shall be responsible for the following duties:

a. Keeping the PREMISES in a decent, safe and sanitary condition;

b. Report any hazardous condition or unusual situation to the Executive Officer of the WCA or designee;

c. Provide twenty-two (22) hours per month maintenance/repair and surveillance duties at the PREMISES and surrounding area, as designated and agreed in advance with the WCA designee.

These responsibilities and rules shall be evaluated in a formal review on one or more occasions during the term of this AGREEMENT.

8. In the event of default, rent for any holdover period shall be \$1500 per month. This provision for holdover rent will apply to TENANT and TENANT HOUSEMATES if either or both should holdover.

9. WCA shall provide water, refuse collection, natural gas, septic and up to \$200 per month electricity during the term of the lease. TENANT and/or TENANT HOUSEMATES shall pay for electricity costs above \$200 monthly and all other utilities and services ordered by TENANT and/or TENANT HOUSEMATES such as, installation of personal telephone/internet lines, cable, etc., and be responsible for any/all charges for personal telephone calls.

10. WCA will not be responsible for losses or damage to property, equipment or materials of the TENANT and/or TENANT HOUSEMATES and all losses shall be reported to WCA and MRCA immediately upon discovery.

11. The appliances and fixtures are the property of the WCA and shall remain at the PREMISES, unless otherwise stated as TENANT – owned herein:

12. TENANT and TENANT HOUSEMATES agree not to interfere with the interests of any person or persons (or their rights of ingress and egress) that may presently, or in the future, hold oil, gas, or other mineral rights upon or under said PREMISES.

13. TENANT shall, at his sole cost and expense, comply with all of the laws and requirements of all applicable municipal, state and federal laws now in force, or which may be enacted pertaining to the PREMISES and use of the PREMISES as provided by this AGREEMENT.

14. The terms of this AGREEMENT and the covenants herein contained shall apply to and shall bind and inure to the benefit of the heirs, representatives, assigns and successors of the parties hereto.

15. TENANT and TENANT HOUSEMATES shall not commit, suffer or permit any waste or nuisance on said PREMISES or any acts to be done thereon in violation of any laws or ordinances. TENANT and TENANT HOUSEMATES shall permit MRCA and WCA or its agents to enter said PREMISES as provided below in section 18.

16. TENANT agrees to pay all lawful taxes, assessments or charges which at any time may be levied upon his interest in this AGREEMENT. It is understood that this lease may create a possessory interest subject to property taxation and TENANT be subject to the payment of any taxes levied on such interest. In the event that TENANT is required to pay

possessory interest tax, the amount of said tax actually paid shall be reimbursed to TENANT by WCA after TENANT submits to WCA a paid bill for said tax.

17. All notices which may be given by either party to the other shall be deemed to have been given when made in writing and deposited in the United States mail, certified and postage prepaid, and addressed to such party at its address set forth under or opposite its signature to this AGREEMENT, or by actual receipt of said notice. Nothing herein contained shall preclude the giving of any such notice by personal service. Either party may change its address for the receipt of notice by giving written notice thereof to the other party in the manner herein provided.

18. TENANT and TENANT HOUSEMATES shall not assign this AGREEMENT. TENANT and TENANT HOUSEMATES shall not sublet the PREMISES or any portion thereof.

19. WCA shall maintain the PREMISES in good repair and habitable condition. TENANT agrees to keep the PREMISES in a neat, clean and orderly condition at all times. WCA and MRCA may, upon 24 hours prior notice, make inspections of the PREMISES. At the expiration of said term, or any sooner, termination of this AGREEMENT, TENANT and/or TENANT HOUSEMATES shall surrender possession of said premises and its appurtenances to WCA in good condition and working order, with exceptions for reasonable wear and tear, damage by the elements, acts of god, or damage or material alterations stemming from circumstances over which TENANT and/or TENANT HOUSEMATES had no control. TENANT acknowledges that WCA may on an annual basis inspect the property on the anniversary date of the effective date.

20. TENANT and/or TENANT HOUSEMATES shall provide WCA with keys to all door and gate locks on the PREMISES and shall not change the locks without the consent of the WCA.

21. TENANT and/or TENANT HOUSEMATES shall not make any alteration to the PREMISES, erect any structures, plant any plants, hang or paint any signs on the PREMISES without the prior consent of the WCA.

22. This AGREEMENT is made upon the express condition that WCA and MRCA, their agents, officers and s are to be free from all liability and claims for damages resulting from the negligence, misconduct or criminal conduct of TENANT, TENANT HOUSEMATES, by reason of any injury to any person or persons, including TENANT and/or TENANT HOUSEMATES or property of any kind whatsoever and to whomsoever belonging, including TENANT and/or TENANT HOUSEMATES. TENANT agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless WCA and MRCA, their officers, agents and s from all liability, loss, cost or obligation on account of or arising out of any such injury or loss, however occurring. WCA and MRCA will not be liable for any debts or claims that arise from the operation of this AGREEMENT.

23. If TENANT and/or TENANT HOUSEMATES abandons, vacates or surrenders the PREMISES, or are disposed by the process of law, any personal property belonging to TENANT and/or TENANT HOUSEMATES and left on the PREMISES shall be deemed to be abandoned at the option of WCA. Failure by TENANT to occupy the PREMISES for a period of thirty (30) days or longer shall constitute abandonment by TENANT and/or TENANT HOUSEMATES.

24. It is agreed and understood by all parties hereto that TENANT and any of TENANTS agents and TENANT HOUSEMATES, in the performance of this AGREEMENT, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officer, or agent of the WCA.

25. This tenancy is of a temporary nature and the parties to this AGREEMENT agree that no relocation benefits from WCA or any other public or governmental agency will be sought or provided in any form as a consequence of this tenancy.

26. TENANT shall pay WCA all costs and expenses, including attorney's fees in a reasonable sum, in any action brought by WCA may have, in the event of any breach of any terms or conditions contained in this AGREEMENT or to recover possession of said premises, whether or not such action proceeds to judgment.

27. In addition to any other rights or remedies WCA may have, in the event of any breach of this AGREEMENT by TENANT and/or TENANT HOUSEMATES, WCA shall have the immediate right of re-entry and may take possession of the PREMISES and remove all persons and property there from.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this AGREEMENT has been executed by the parties hereon the date first above written.

TENANT

BY:

Signature

Print Name

TENANT HOUSEMATE - NONE

BY:

Signature

Print Name

ADDRESS: 455 South Rall Avenue, La Puente, CA 91746

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

BY:

Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

ADDRESS: 100 Old San Gabriel Canyon Road, Azusa, CA 91702

May 18, 2009 - Item 8E

RESOLUTION 2009-05

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR THE DUCK FARM

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, The Joint Powers Agreement provides that the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy shall approve the budget of the Watershed Conservation authority and since the request action will have an impact on such budget; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that, the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Section 32600 *et seq* of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated May 18, 2009.
4. APPROVES a recommendation that the Watershed Conservation Authority enter into a Lease Agreement with the Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority for the Duck Farm.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on May 18, 2009

Dan Arrighi, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: May 18, 2009

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8F: Consideration of Resolution Supporting Assembly Bill 139 (Brownley)

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC adopt a resolution in support of AB 139 by Assembly Member Julia Brownley.

BACKGROUND: On April 28, 2008 the RMC approved support for AB 564 (Brownley) which is substantively consistent with this new bill, AB 139. The bill will update the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act by authorizing the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to collect a fee or charge in compliance with Article XIII D of the California Constitution (also known as Proposition 218). If the LACFCD should seek to exercise this new authority, it would still have to meet all requirements of Proposition 218, including a successful public vote on the proposed fee or charge.

The LACFCD was created under 1915 state legislation, with authority to provide flood protection, water conservation, recreation and aesthetic enhancements. The district today covers an area over 3000 square miles, including 85 cities and over 2.1 million land parcels, and is responsible for most of the drainage infrastructure in Los Angeles County. New priorities such as an aging flood protection infrastructure, pollution from urban and stormwater runoff, water conservation, and unmet drainage needs threaten to overwhelm the district's financial capability.

LACFCD is governed as a separate entity by the LA County Board of Supervisors, and can issue bonds or levy assessments on real property but does not have the authority to request voters to enact a fee or similar charge. AB 564 would make that a viable option to consider.

The LACFCD is an indispensable partner for the RMC on many multi-benefit projects involving river and tributary recreation access, water conservation and water quality improvement, and related objectives. In order to carry out many of the potential projects complementary to RMC goals, the LACFCD needs revenues adequate to meet these pressing priorities, and should have all options available for the Board of Supervisors' consideration.

AB 139 was recently amended to include a proposed 65%, 35% split in allocation of funding. The full text of the measure is attached.

BILL NUMBER: AB 139 AMENDED
BILL TEXT

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 7, 2009

INTRODUCED BY Assembly Member Brownley
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Blumenfield and Portantino)
(Coauthor: Senator Pavley)

JANUARY 20, 2009

An act to amend Sections 2 and 16 of the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act (Chapter 755 of the Statutes of 1915), relating to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 139, as amended, Brownley. Los Angeles County Flood Control District: ~~fees and charges.~~ fees.

~~Existing~~

(1) *Existing* law, the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act, establishes the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and authorizes the district to control and conserve the flood, storm, and other wastewater of the district. The act declares the district to be a body corporate and politic, and to have various powers, including the power to cause taxes to be levied and collected for the purpose of paying any obligation of the district.

This bill would authorize the district to impose a fee ~~or charge~~ in compliance with Article XIII D of the California Constitution, to pay the costs and expenses of ~~the district, and to carry out the objects or purposes of the act~~

carrying out projects a nd providing services to improve water quality and reduce stormwater and urban runoff in the district . The bill would require that any ~~fees~~ fee imposed be levied and collected, together with taxes for county purposes, and the revenues paid into the county treasury to the credit of the district. *The bill would require the district to allocate the funds generated by the imposition of the fee in a specified manner solely for authorized purposes and in compliance with a specified constitutional provision.*

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(2) *The* act authorizes the board of the district, subject to certain limitations, to do all acts or things necessary or useful for the promotion of the work or the control of the flood and stormwaters of the district, to conserve those waters for beneficial and useful purposes, and to protect from damage from storm or floodwaters, the harbors, waterways, public highways, and property of the district. One limitation upon the authority of the board of the district is that it is not authorized to raise money for the district by any method or system other than by issuing bonds, or the levying of a tax upon the assessed value of all the real property of the district, except from the sale and lease of its property.

This bill would instead provide that the board of the district is not authorized to raise money for the district by any method or system other than by issuing bonds, or the levying of a tax, or the imposition of a fee ~~or charge~~ in compliance with Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(1) The Los Angeles County Flood Control Act presently permits the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (district) to levy taxes to pay for the obligations of the district, but it does not authorize the district to impose fees to carry out the purposes of the act. By enacting this act, the district will be able to collect a property-related fee that is based on the cost of improvements and services provided by the district, Los Angeles County, or cities within the boundaries of the district to each parcel within the district.

(2) The requirements of the total maximum daily load (TMDL) program under the federal Clean Water Act necessitate the fee authority granted by this act to the district, subject to voter approval as required by Article XIII D of the California Constitution. Further, this act will facilitate a comprehensive fee proposal under development by the district in collaboration and partnership with the cities within the boundaries of the district to improve water quality and reduce stormwater and urban runoff pollution. This act will allow the district to adopt a fee to fund the implementation of regional water quality improvements and services and provide a return of fee revenues to cities and unincorporated areas within Los Angeles County for developing, implementing, and maintaining local projects and programs to improve water quality, and reduce stormwater and urban runoff pollution. The proposal would provide that fee revenues will benefit the watershed area in which they are collected.

(3) Because Los Angeles County includes six major watersheds, significant amounts of coastline and multiple lakes and rivers, and because Los Angeles County and the 85 cities within the boundaries of the district are subject to numerous TMDL requirements, a regional effort that is coordinated with and supportive of individual cities' water quality improvement efforts is clearly warranted.

(b) By enacting this statute, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors direct the appropriate county staff, in consultation with the affected cities within the boundaries of the district, to develop criteria for the use of funds generated by any fee imposed by the district, as authorized by this act, for the purpose of improving water quality and reducing stormwater and urban runoff pollution. Those criteria should reflect the following principles:

(1) Stormwater quality solutions funded by the proceeds of this fee should be science-based and take into consideration the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act and include adequate operation and maintenance expenditures. As part of the fee proposal under development by the district, regional projects and programs

would be watershed-based and would give consideration to proven, successful best management practices and to tools and methodologies approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

(2) The most effective water cleanup and protection strategies involve partnerships with many stakeholders where cities and unincorporated communities within Los Angeles County, nongovernmental organizations, environmental groups, water resources agencies, and other interested parties work together to develop cost-effective solutions that will leverage funds raised through this proposed fee with available state and federal matching funds.

(3) Stormwater is not just a contamination problem--it is a potential resource. In an arid region that frequently faces serious drought and related water supply issues, more can be done with stormwater than moving it quickly to the ocean. For example, by capturing stormwater and allowing soils and plants to naturally filter and cleanse it, the stormwater can be used for irrigation, or it can be allowed to percolate into the ground to increase the supply of available drinking water.

(4) Water quality improvement projects should be designed to provide multiple benefits and incorporate green solutions. Wherever appropriate, projects should be designed to provide multiple benefits, such as increasing water supply, replenishing groundwater, providing flood protection, protecting open space and natural areas, and restoring and creating wetlands and riparian habitats. Projects should also, where appropriate, incorporate natural filtration and cleansing of water, environmentally friendly infrastructure, improved permeability of surfaces, and other green solutions.

(5) Any fee imposed pursuant to this act and approved by the voters should reflect the differences between residential, commercial, industrial, and other land uses of parcels, parcel size, and proportionate stormwater runoff. To the extent possible, the fee should be set at levels that do not preclude cities from seeking voter approval for their own fees.

(6) An oversight committee comprised of representatives from cities and unincorporated areas within Los Angeles County and interested parties should be formed to provide technical and programmatic review of the regional program.

(7) The district should consult and collaborate with watershed and subwatershed committees comprised of representatives from cities and unincorporated areas within Los Angeles County and other interested parties to seek input on proposed regional projects.

~~SECTION 1.~~ SEC. 2. Section 2 of the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act (Chapter 755 of the Statutes of 1915), as amended by Chapter 1276 of the Statutes of 1975, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. The objects and purposes of this act are to provide for the control and conservation of the ~~flood, storm waters, and other waste waters~~ floodwater, stormwater, and other wastewater of the district, and to conserve such waters for beneficial and useful purposes by spreading, storing, retaining or causing to percolate into the soil within the district, or to save or conserve in any manner, all or any of such waters, and to protect from damage from ~~such flood waters or storm waters~~ that floodwater or stormwater, the harbors, waterways, public highways and property in the district.

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District is hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic, and has all the following powers:

1. To have perpetual succession.
2. To sue and be sued in the name of the district in all actions and proceedings in all courts and tribunals of competent jurisdiction.
3. To adopt a seal and alter it at pleasure.
4. To take by grant, purchase, gift, devise or lease, hold, use, enjoy, and to lease or dispose of real or personal property of every kind within or without the district necessary to the full exercise of its power.
5. To acquire or contract to acquire lands, rights-of-way, easements, privileges and property of every kind, and construct, maintain and operate any and all works or improvements within or without the district necessary or proper to carry out any of the objects or purposes of this act, and to complete, extend, add to, repair or otherwise improve any works or improvements acquired by it as herein authorized. Construction or improvement of existing facilities may involve landscaping and other aesthetic treatment in order that the facility will be compatible with existing or planned development in the area of improvement.
6. To exercise the right of eminent domain, either within or without the district, to take any property necessary to carry out any of the objects or purposes of this act.
7. To incur indebtedness, and to issue bonds in the manner herein provided.
- 7a. To borrow money from the United States of America, any agency or department thereof, or from any nonprofit corporation, organized under the laws of this state, to which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of an act of Congress, entitled "Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act," or other agency, or department, of the United States government, has authorized, or shall hereafter authorize, a loan to enable such nonprofit corporation to lend money to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, for any flood control work authorized under this act, and to repay the same, in annual installments, over a period of not to exceed twenty (20) years, with interest at a rate not to exceed four and one-fourth per centum (4 1/4%) per annum, payable semiannually, and, without the necessity of an election when authorized by resolution of the board of supervisors, as evidences of such indebtedness, the district is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a note, or a series of notes, or bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness, signed by the chairman of the board of supervisors of the district, which notes, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness, shall be negotiable instruments if so declared in the resolution of the board of supervisors providing for their issuance, and notes, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness, may have interest coupons attached to evidence interest payments, signed by the facsimile signature of the chairperson of the board. All applications for such loans shall specify the particular flood control work or projects for which the funds will be expended, and when received, the money shall be deposited in a special fund, and shall be expended for those purposes only which are described and referred to in the applications. If a surplus remains after the completion of the work, such surplus shall be applied to the payment of the note, notes,

bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness, executed as aforesaid, for the loan including interest coupons. The board of supervisors shall annually, levy a tax upon the taxable real property of the district, clearly sufficient to pay the interest and installments of principal, as the same shall become due and payable, under any loan made pursuant to the authority of this section, and to create and maintain a reserve fund to assure the prompt payment thereof, as may be provided by resolution of the board of supervisors; provided, however, that the amount of taxes levied in any year, pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, shall, pro tanto, reduce the authority of the board of supervisors, during any such year, to levy taxes under Section 14 of this act, but this proviso shall not be a limitation upon the power and duty to levy and collect taxes under this subsection. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, interest earned on funds representing the proceeds of bonds of the district shall be deposited and retained in the reserve fund of the district to meet the principal and interest falling due on such bonds.

Notwithstanding anything in this subsection to the contrary, the total amount the district may borrow under the authority of any or all of the provisions of this subsection is limited to and shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000).

7b. The power granted in the next preceding subsection is hereby extended to authorize the issuance and sale of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of the district to the County of Los Angeles and the purchase thereof by the county in accordance with "An act authorizing the investment and reinvestment and disposition of any surplus moneys in the treasury of any county, city and county, incorporated city or town or municipal utility district or flood control district," approved April 23, 1913, as amended; all subject to the provisions and limitations of the next preceding subsection relative to the disposition and use of funds, interest rate, period of repayment, tax rate and mode of issuance. The total amount of bonds or other evidence of indebtedness, in the aggregate, which the district may issue and sell under the authority of subsection 7a and of this subsection is limited to and shall not exceed four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000).

8. To cause taxes to be levied and collected for the purpose of paying any obligation of the district in the manner ~~provided in this section.~~

~~-8a. - To impose a fee or charge, in compliance with Article XIII D of the California Constitution, to pay the costs and expenses of the district, and to carry out the objects or purposes of this act. Any fee that is imposed shall be levied and collected together with, and not separately from, taxes for county purposes, and the revenues derived from the fees shall be paid into the county treasury to the credit of the district, and the board of supervisors may expend these funds to pay for costs described in this section. - provided in this act.~~

9. To make contracts, and to employ for temporary services only, expert appraisers, consultants and technical advisers, and to do all acts necessary for the full exercise of all powers vested in the district, or any of the officers thereof, by this act.

10. To grant or otherwise convey to counties, cities and counties, cities or towns easements for street and highway purposes, over,

along, upon, in, through, across or under any real property owned by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

11. To remove, carry away and dispose of any rubbish, trash, debris or other inconvenient matter that may be dislodged, transported, conveyed or carried by means of, through, in, or along the works and structures operated or maintained hereunder and deposited upon the property of the district or elsewhere.

12. To pay premiums on bonds of contractors required under any contract if the amount payable to the contractor exceeds five million dollars (\$5,000,000); provided, that the specifications in such cases shall specifically so provide and state that the bidder shall not include in his or her bids the cost of furnishing the required bonds.

13. To lease, sell or dispose of any property (or any interest therein) whenever in the judgment of the board of supervisors the property, or any interest therein or part thereof, is no longer required for the purposes of the district, or may be leased for any purpose without interfering with the use of the same for the purposes of the district, and to pay any compensation received therefor into the general fund of the district and use the same for the purposes of this act; provided, however, that nothing herein shall authorize the board of supervisors or other governing body of the district or any officer thereof to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any water, water right, reservoir space or storage capacity or any interest or space therein except to public agencies for recreational purposes when such use is not inconsistent with the use thereof by the district for flood control and water conservation purposes; or except as provided by Section 17 of this act; provided, however, that the district may grant and convey to the United States of America, or to any federal agency authorized to accept and pay for such land or interests in land, all lands and interests in land, now owned or hereafter acquired, lying within any channel, dam or reservoir site, improved or constructed, in whole or in part, with federal funds, upon payment to the district of sums equivalent to actual expenditures made by it in acquiring the lands and interests in land so conveyed and deemed reasonable by the Secretary of War and the Chief of Engineers.

14. To provide, by agreement with other public agencies or private persons or entities or otherwise, for the recreational use of the lands, facilities, and works of the district which shall not interfere, or be inconsistent, with the primary use and purpose of such lands, facilities, and works by such district.

15. In addition to its other powers, the district shall have the power to preserve, enhance, and add recreational features to its properties and upon a finding by the board of supervisors that the acquisition is necessary for such purposes, to acquire, preserve, enhance, and add recreational features to lands or interests in lands contiguous to its properties, for the protection, preservation, and use of the scenic beauty and natural environment for such properties or such lands and to collect admission or use fees for such recreational features where deemed appropriate.

16. *To impose a fee, in compliance with the applicable provisions of Article XIII D of the California Constitution, to pay the costs and expenses of carrying out projects and providing services to improve water quality and reduce stormwater and urban runoff pollution in the district. Any fee that is imposed pursuant to this paragraph shall be levied and collected together with, and not*

separately from, taxes for county purposes, and the revenues derived from the fees shall be paid into the county treasury to the credit of the district, and the board of supervisors shall expend these funds to pay for costs and expenses in accordance with this paragraph.

Sixty-five percent of the revenues derived from any fee imposed pursuant to this paragraph shall be allocated to the district for administrative expenses and to carry out projects and provide services for the purposes set forth in this paragraph. The remaining 35 percent of the revenues shall be allocated to cities within the boundaries of the district, for expenditure within their respective jurisdictions, and to Los Angeles County, for expenditure within its unincorporated territory, in the same proportion as the amount of fees collected within each jurisdiction, to be expended by those cities and Los Angeles County, respectively, exclusively to carry out projects and provide services in accordance with this paragraph and Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

Each entity expending any funds derived from the imposition of the fee authorized by this paragraph shall ensure that the expenditure is exclusively for authorized purposes in accordance with this paragraph and Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

The district, the cities within the boundaries of the district, and Los Angeles County may enter into agreements with each other or with federal, state, and regional agencies to carry out this paragraph.

The district by or through its board of supervisors, or other board or officers at any time succeeding to the duties or functions of its board of supervisors, is hereby authorized and empowered to warrant and defend the title to all land and interests therein so conveyed to the United States of America or to any such agency and their respective assigns; to covenant and agree to indemnify and keep indemnified and to hold and save harmless and exonerated the United States of America or any such agency, to which such lands or any interest therein are so conveyed by the district, from and against all demands, claims, liabilities, liens, actions, suits, charges, costs, loss, damages, expenses and attorneys' fees of whatsoever kind or nature, resulting from, arising out of or occasioned by any defect or defects whatsoever in the title to any such land or interest in land so conveyed by the district; to reimburse and save harmless and exonerated the United States of America or any such agency for any and all amounts, paid, and expenses incurred, in the compromise or settlement of any demands, claims, liabilities, liens, actions, suits, charges, costs, loss, damages, expenses and attorneys' fees of whatsoever kind or nature, resulting from, arising out of or occasioned by any claim to or defect or defects whatsoever in the title to any such land or interests in land so conveyed by the district; to pay all just compensation, costs and expenses, which may be incurred in any condemnation proceeding deemed necessary by the United States of America or such agency, in order to perfect title to any such land or interests in land, including without limitation all attorneys' fees, court costs and fees, costs of abstracts and other evidences of title, and all other costs, expenses or damages incurred or suffered by the United States of America or such agency; and consent is hereby given to the bringing of suit or other legal proceedings against the district by the United States of America or such agency, as the case may be, in the proper district court of the

United States, upon any cause of action arising out of any conveyance, contract or covenant made or entered into by the district pursuant to the authority granted in this act, or to enforce any claims, damages, loss or expenses arising out of or resulting from any defect whatsoever in the title to such land or any interest therein or any claims of others in or to such land or interest therein.

~~SEC. 2.~~ SEC. 3. Section 16 of the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act (Chapter 755 of the Statutes of 1915), as amended by Chapter 1276 of the Statutes of 1975, is amended to read:

~~SEC. 16.~~ Sec. 16. The board of supervisors of the district shall have power to make and enforce all needful rules and regulations for the administration and government of the district, and to perform all other acts necessary or proper to accomplish the purposes of this act.

The board of supervisors shall have power to do all work and to construct and acquire all improvements necessary or useful for carrying out any of the purposes of this act; and the board of supervisors shall have power to acquire either within or without the boundaries of the district, by purchase, donation or by other lawful means in the name of the district, from private persons, corporations, reclamation districts, swampland districts, levee districts, protection districts, drainage districts, irrigation districts, or other public corporations or agencies or districts, all lands, rights-of-way, easements, property or materials necessary or useful for carrying out any of the purposes of this act; to make contracts to indemnify or compensate any owner of land or other property for any injury or damage necessarily caused by the exercise of the powers conferred by this act, or arising out of the use, taking or damage of any property, rights-of-way or easements, for any of such purposes; to compensate any reclamation district, protection district, drainage district, irrigation district or other district, public corporation or agency or district, for any right-of-way, easement or property taken over or acquired by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District as a part of its work of flood control or conservation or protection provided for in this act, and any such reclamation district, protection district, drainage district, irrigation district or other district or public corporation or agency is hereby given power and authority to distribute such compensation in any manner that may be now or hereafter allowed by law; to maintain actions to restrain the doing of any act or thing that may be injurious to carrying out any of the purposes of this act by the district, or that may interfere with the successful execution of said work, or for damages for injury thereto; to do any and all things necessary or incident to the powers hereby granted, or to carry out any of the objects and purposes of this act; to require, by appropriate legal proceedings, the owner or owners of any bridge, trestle, wire line, viaduct, embankment or other structure which shall be intersected, traversed or crossed by any channel, ditch, bed of any stream, waterway, conduit or canal, so to construct or alter the same as to offer a minimum of obstruction to the free flow of water through or along any such channel, ditch, bed of any stream, waterway, conduit or canal, and whenever necessary in the case of existing works or structures, to require the removal or alteration thereof for such purpose; provided, however, that nothing in this act contained shall be deemed to authorize the district in exercising

any of its powers to take, damage or destroy any property or to require the removal, relocation, alteration or destruction of any bridge, railroad, wire line, pipeline, facility or other structure unless just compensation therefor be first made, in the manner and to the extent required by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of California.

The board of supervisors of the district is hereby vested with full power to do all other acts or things necessary or useful for the promotion of the work of the control of the ~~flood waters and storm waters~~ floodwater and stormwater of the district, and to conserve such waters for beneficial and useful purposes, and to protect from damage from ~~such storm waters or flood waters~~ that stormwater or floodwater the harbors, waterways, public highways and property in the district; provided, however, that nothing in this act contained shall be deemed to authorize the district, or any person or persons, to divert the waters of any river, creek, stream, irrigation system, canal or ditch, from its channel, to the detriment of any person or persons having any interest in such river, creek, stream, irrigation system, canal or ditch, or the waters thereof or therein, unless previous compensation be first ascertained and paid therefor, under the laws of this state authorizing the taking of private property for public uses; and provided further, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed as in any way affecting the plenary power of any incorporated city, city and county, or town, or municipal or county water district, to provide for a water supply of such public corporation, or as affecting the absolute control of any properties of such public corporations necessary for such water supply, and nothing herein contained shall be construed as vesting any power of control over such properties in the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, or in any officer thereof, or in any person referred to in this act; and provided further, that nothing in this act contained shall be deemed to authorize the board of supervisors to raise money for the district by any method or system other than that by the issuing of bonds, or the levying of a tax, or the imposition of a fee ~~or charge~~ in compliance with Article XIII D of the California Constitution, in the manner in this act provided, except from the sale and lease of its property as herein provided.

May 18, 2009 – Item 8F

RESOLUTION 2009-06

RESOLUTION OF THE LOWER LOS ANGELES AND SAN
GABRIEL RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)
SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL 139 (BROWNLEY)

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) is a frequent and indispensable partner with the RMC on multi-benefit projects involving stormwater management, water quality, water conservation, open space and recreation; and

WHEREAS, The LACFCD has undertaken many new priorities and mandates for the protection of water quality since the agency's formation in 1915; and

WHEREAS, To successfully carry out its priorities and meet new mandates the LACFCD needs all revenue options available for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Member Julia Brownley has introduced Assembly Bill 139 to clarify and ensure the power of the LACFCD to levy a fee or charge on property under the provisions of Article XIII D of the California State Constitution (also known as Proposition 218); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that, the RMC hereby:

1. SUPPORTS passage by the Legislature and signature by the Governor of Assembly Bill 139 by Assembly Member Brownley.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
LOWER LOS ANGELES AND SAN GABRIEL RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on May 18, 2009

Dan Arrighi, Chair

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: May 18, 2009

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8G: Consideration of a resolution authorizing a grant application in cooperation with the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority for the USFWS National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program for the acquisition of properties within the Los Cerritos Wetlands Complex and execute such agreements as may be necessary for managing the USFWS grant.

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC adopt a resolution authorizing a grant application in cooperation with the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) for the USFWS National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program for the acquisition of properties within the Los Cerritos Wetlands Complex and execute such agreements as may be necessary for managing the USFWS grant.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The RMC was designated by the Governor as an authorized state agency to apply for the USFWS National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program. In cooperation with the LCWA, the RMC will apply for the USFWS National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program for the acquisition of properties within the Los Cerritos Wetlands Complex. The RMC and LCWA will work cooperatively to develop a competitive, clear and concise grant application, which will rank highly among grant applicants. If the RMC is awarded this grant, it will be necessary to execute such agreements as may be necessary for managing the grant. Although the LCWA has received preliminary funding recommendations from the RMC Prop 84 Grants and the Wildlife Conservation Board, it is unknown when these funds will become available given to the state budget shortfalls. It is imperative other funding sources are pursued in order to continue acquiring properties and sustain a long-term management and restoration program for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Complex. Staff contemplates submitting an application for at minimum \$1 million under this program.

BACKGROUND: The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act established the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program to acquire, restore, manage, and enhance coastal wetlands. This grant program is utilized to acquire, restore or enhance coastal wetlands and adjacent uplands to provide long-term conservation benefits to fish, wildlife and their habitat. States receiving funds include Alaska, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maine, New Jersey, Oregon, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin. In 2009, San Diego received \$1 million dollars for the South San Diego Bay Coastal Wetland Restoration and Enhancement to acquire 180 acres of wetlands and San Francisco received \$1 million dollars for conservation of the Lower Redwood Creek Wetland Restoration. At this time USFWS is receiving project proposals until June 24, 2009 and letters of financial matching commitments by September 25, 2009.

The following is a summary of the grant application requirements:

National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program

FY 2010

Notice of Availability of Grants

Request for Applications

Program Overview Information

Federal Agency Name:

U.S. Department of the Interior

Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (WSFR) and Division of Fish and Wildlife Management and Branch of Habitat Restoration

Funding Opportunity Title:

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act - National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants

Announcement Type:

Announcement of availability of grants for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 and request for applications.

Funding Opportunity Number: CWG-10

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 15.614

Dates: Hard copy applications are due to the Regional Fish and Wildlife Service WSFR Office by June 26, 2009, 4:00 p.m. local time at the Regional Office. Electronic applications submitted through Grants.gov will be accepted up until June 26, 2008, 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. However, it is recommended that electronic applications be submitted through Grants.gov by June 24, 2009, 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time to allow for any unforeseen technical complications. We will not consider applications received after the due date for funding.

Applicants are encouraged to submit applications approximately 4-6 weeks prior to the due date if they would like the Fish and Wildlife Service to provide comments on their application. Although there is no guarantee that comments will be provided, feedback generally includes recommendations to improve the application. Applicants can contact their Regional Fish and Wildlife Service WSFR contact in Section IV, A (Address to Request/Submit Application Package) for additional information about submitting early.

Because it is difficult for some State agencies to submit letters of financial commitment by non-State agency partners by the June 26, 2009 due date, the Regional WSFR Office will, in some cases, accept letters no later than Sept. 25, 2009, 4:00 p.m. local time at the Regional Office. The State agency must provide a justification in their original application package for submitting the letters after the June 26, 2009 due date. It will be the discretion of the Regional WSFR Office to allow or deny submission of letters between the June 26, 2009 and the Sept. 25, 2009 time period. No letters will be accepted after Sept. 25, 2009, 4:00 p.m. local time at the Regional Office.

The announcement of awards will be in December 2009 or January 2010.

Additional information: The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (Section 305, Title III, Public Law 101-646, 16 U.S.C. 3954) established the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program to acquire, restore, and enhance wetlands in coastal States through competitive matching grants to State agencies. The primary goal of the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program is the long-term conservation of coastal wetland ecosystems. In FY 2009, the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program awarded more than \$20 million to 12 States to fund 25 individual projects encompassing nearly 13,543 acres of coastal habitat.

The Final Rule establishing the requirements for participation in the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program was published in the Federal Register July 30, 2002 (67 FR 49264). The program regulations are in 50 CFR 84. Additional information about the Program is online at <http://www.fws.gov/coastal/CoastalGrants>.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Coastal wetlands are valued because they protect against flooding, help maintain water quality, and provide habitat for wildlife. Coastal environments are important economically, generating billions of dollars annually through such industries as commercial fishing and tourism. The National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program provides States with a means of protecting and restoring these valuable resources.

Projects can include (1) acquisition of a real property interest (e.g., easement or fee title) in coastal lands or waters from willing sellers or partners (coastal wetlands ecosystems) for long-term conservation or (2) restoration, enhancement, or management of coastal wetlands ecosystems for long-term conservation.

Examples of restoration efforts that could be funded include:

- Restoring wetland hydrology by plugging drainage ditches, breaking tile drainage systems, installing water control structures, dike construction, or re-establishing historic connections with waterways.
- Planting native vegetation.
- Removal of exotic plants and animals that compete with native fish and wildlife and alter native habitats.

Ranking decisions are based on criteria published in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 84.32. Also see Attachment A to this announcement that clarifies select ranking criteria and addresses questions regarding 50 CFR Part 84.

II. Award Information:

The Fish and Wildlife Service expects that approximately \$18.5 million will be available for grants from the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program in FY 2010. Awards typically range from \$200,000 (there is no specific minimum) to a maximum of \$1,000,000. We expect to announce the awards in December 2009 or January 2010.

III. Eligibility Information

A. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are any agency or agencies designated by the Governor of a coastal State. It is usually a State natural resource or fish and wildlife agency. If your agency is uncertain of its eligibility, please contact the Regional Fish and Wildlife Service WSFR contact in Section IV, A (Address to Request/Submit Application Package). The Regional Fish and Wildlife Service WSFR contact maintains the list of certified eligible agencies in each coastal State in his/her Region.

Eligible coastal States are States bordering the Great Lakes (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin); States bordering the Atlantic, Gulf (except Louisiana), and Pacific coasts (Alabama, Alaska, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Washington); and American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Louisiana is not an eligible coastal State for this program as dictated by the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Resources Act (16 U.S.C 3955 (b)(1)).

B. Cost-Sharing or Matching

The maximum Federal cost share for this Program is 75 percent of total project costs in States that have a fund established and used for acquiring coastal wetlands, other natural areas, or open spaces. States that do not have a fund are limited to a maximum 50 percent Federal cost share. The following insular areas: American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are not required to provide a match, in which case the Federal government may provide all of the project costs. Puerto Rico is not exempt from the match requirements of this Program.

Note that the matching requirement is based on total project costs, not only the amount requested from the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program. If the grant request is part of a larger project, the applicant must supply matching funds based on the entire project costs.

Applications must include a description of the State trust fund that supports a request for a 75 percent Federal share in sufficient detail for the Service to make an eligibility determination, or a statement that eligibility has been previously approved and no change has occurred in the fund, along with the other requirements listed in “IV. Application and Submission Information, B. Content and Form of Application” of this announcement.

Cost-sharing requirements are detailed in 50 CFR 84.46. The requirements allow for in-kind contributions for the required non-Federal match. To receive points under the ranking criterion “Federal share reduced” (50 CFR 84.32 (a)(11)), however, match above the required non-Federal share must be cash. See Attachment A: Clarification of Select Ranking Criteria in 50 CFR 84.32 and General Program Questions for more information.

Any matching funds from a non-State agency must be documented with a signed letter of commitment from an authorized representative of the match provider in the application. The letter of commitment must detail the amount of matching funds or value of donated land and/or services. If any matching funds are pending from non-State sources, the State applicant should state that they plan to supply any funds that aren’t realized from the non-State sources. The

State applicant is responsible for ensuring the full amount of the non-Federal match as listed on the SF-424.

Because it is difficult for some State agencies to submit letters of financial commitment by non-State agency partners by the June 26, 2009 due date, the Regional WSFR Office will, in some cases, accept letters no later than Sept. 25, 2009, 4:00 p.m. local time at the Regional Office. The State agency must provide a justification in their original application package for submitting the letters after the June 26, 2009 due date. It will be the discretion of the Regional WSFR Office to allow or deny submission of letters between the June 26, 2009 and the Sept. 25, 2009 time period. No letters will be accepted after Sept. 25, 2009, 4:00 p.m. local time at the Regional Office.

C. Other

Although only State agencies can apply for and receive grants from this Program, the Program encourages partnering with Tribes, Federal agencies, other State agencies, non-governmental organizations, local governments and others.

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May 18, 2009 - Item 8B

RESOLUTION 2009-07

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION IN COOPERATION WITH THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY FOR THE USFWS NATIONAL COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS COMPLEX AND EXECUTION OF SUCH AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR MANAGING THE USFWS GRANT.

WHEREAS, The RMC is authorized to enter into contracts and grants in accordance with Section 32614(b) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

WHEREAS, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority is an established separate public entity within the meaning, and for the purposes of, the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (e.g., Government Code § 6500 *et seq*) and governed solely and in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement; NOW

Therefore be it resolved that, the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Section 32600 *et seq* of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated May 18, 2009.
4. APPROVES a grant application in cooperation with the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority for the USFWS National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program for the acquisition of properties within the Los Cerritos Wetlands Complex and execute such agreements as may be necessary for managing the USFWS grant.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on May 18, 2009

Dan Arrighi, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General